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## SOVIET'S EXPULSION URGED.

### PROPOSAL BY KUOMINTANG LEADER.

### NANKING FACTION BREAKS WITH CANTON.

### SHANGHAI MEETING ENDS.

A proposal has been made to the Kuomintang by General Li Tsung-jen, who successfully headed the expedition against Wuhan, that China should break off relations with the Soviet until Russia ceases to sanction or promote Bolshevik propaganda in China. The abolition of all Soviet Consulates in China is also suggested.

There was an abrupt conclusion to the Kuomintang Preliminary Conference in Shanghai when the Nanking delegation withdrew after accusing the Canton clique of being Reds affiliated with Communists. The split is regarded as being so serious that it is improbable that the Conference will meet to-day.

Regarding the position at Hsuehchow, Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang states that, part of his forces arrived at the railway station on Sunday afternoon and are clearing out the remnants of the Shanghai troops from the city.

The Shanghai tramway strike continues to be serious, many of the strikers having threatened the inspectors or their relatives with assassination. The service is likely to suffer further dislocation.

### TROOPS SEIZE CUSTOMS OFFICES.

Shanghai, Dec. 5.

That China should break off relations with the Soviet was the recommendation of the prominent member of the Kuomintang, General Li Tsung-jen, who successfully headed the expedition against Wuhan. This was submitted yesterday by the second preliminary session to the fourth Kuomintang party conference.

Li Tsung-jen urged that all the Soviet consulates in China be abolished, and added a rider providing that if the Soviet ceases to sanction and promote Bolshevik propaganda in China, relations will be restored.—*Reuter*.

### CONFERENCE BREAKS UP.

A Nanking Withdrawal.

Shanghai, Dec. 5.

The third day's preliminary session of the Kuomintang conference was brought to a sudden and unexpected termination soon after the opening, when the Nanking delegation withdrew, following a sharp discussion in which the Nanking faction accused the Canton clique of being "Reds affiliated with Communists."

Following their withdrawal, the Nanking party held a secret session.

It is generally thought that the fourth Kuomintang conference, which was scheduled to take place to-morrow, will not be held, as to-day's split resulted from differences between the Canton and Nanking groups which are considered irreconcilable.—*Reuter*.

### Nanking Faction Meets.

Shanghai, Dec. 5.

Ten C.E.C. members of the Nanking faction, whose absence caused yesterday's preliminary meeting to be postponed, held a meeting yesterday.

Emergency measures to be taken after the abolition of the Special Committee at Nanking were lengthily discussed at the meeting. The consideration of political affairs occupied the whole of the meeting and left no time in which to discuss military questions.

According to the spokesman of the Secretary's Office of the preliminary meeting, it is learned that the conference will be again postponed to-day, owing to the continued absence of the Nanking members.—*Nam Chong Pao*.

No Quorum.

Shanghai, Dec. 5.

To-day's preliminary meeting of the Kuomintang Conference was postponed owing to the lack of a quorum, due to the absence of seven executive members.—*Reuter*.

## KWANGTUNG WAR.

### SOME REASONS FOR DELAY.

### THE PROBABLE ALIGNMENT.

The belief is growing in Chinese circles that Kwangtung is to be the future battleground between the "Leftist" and "Rightist" wings of the Kuomintang. In this connexion, it is noteworthy that the "Leftists" in Canton have publicly denounced not only General Wang Shao-hung, but also Generals Li Chai-sum, Pei Chung-hsi and Li Chung-yen. On the other hand, the Nanking Nationalists, or the "Rightists," who are allied to the "Kwangsi Clique," have openly declared Generals Wang Ki-chung and Chang Fat-kwei to be traitors and Communists.

The declaration of the Nanking Nationalists, to keen observers of the Canton situation, is what was expected. It will be recalled that when the coup was first effected in Canton, General Wang Shao-hung, the deputy of General Li Chai-sum, was the only target of the "Ironside" leaders. The latter went even so far as to request the return of General Li Chai-sum to Canton to direct the administration of Kwangtung, adding that their sole enemy was Wang Shao-hung. This move, however, did not make a strong impression, and the belief continued that the Canton coup was the first sign of the Kuomintang "Leftists" declaring hostility against the "Kwangsi Clique" and the Nanking Nationalists, and was likely to be the beginning of a series of civil wars in South China which would in time involve other provinces now occupied by various factions all claiming to be Nationalists.

### Nanking the Real Enemy.

The "Kwangsi Clique" (which includes Generals Li Chai-sum, Wang Shao-hung, Pei Chung-hsi and Li Chung-yen) is not the only faction of the Kuomintang against whom the Canton "Leftists," with Wang Ching-wai as their chief, are showing hostility. The Nanking Nationalists are the real enemies of the "Leftists," who have their own reasons for directing their opposition against the "Kwangsi Clique."

It is an undisputed fact that all the Kuomintang politicians, no matter to what wing they belong, are powerless, if unsupported by militarists with armies at their disposal. For the time being, the militarists who are at the back of the Nanking Nationalists are the four Kwangsi generals. This is sufficient to explain why the "Leftists" should effect the Canton coup to depose Generals Li Chai-sum and Wang Shao-hung.

The delay in the arrival of Wang Shao-hung's Kwangsi armies from the West River and in the departure of the armies of Li Chai-sum, under Chan Chai-tong, now at Swatow, from the upper East River, is due to the fact that Li Chai-sum and Wang Ki-chung are not the only generals who are eager to occupy and rule Kwangtung.

### Eyes on Kwangtung.

Since the Canton coup, Kwangtung has been coveted by several militarists. For instance, General Chan Ming-shih, the present military ruler of Fukien, is said to be very eager to have a hand in Kwangtung affairs, not to mention many other neutrals and doubtless they can always ally themselves with others who are in the same position and form a big army at any moment to oppose the claims of others.

Thus, for any General to re-take Canton from the "Leftists" would mean the expenditure of large sums of money in buying over the neutrals and securing for them high positions either in the Army or in the civil administration. This would take some time to accomplish and may possibly explain the delay in the start of the general counter-attack from the East and West Rivers.

### Future Prospects.

On the North River, the "Iron-sides" appear to have completely mastered the situation. Despite reports to the contrary, it is doubtful whether the armies under Li Pun-sen and Ho Chien, the two followers of the defeated General Tang Seng-che, will join hands.—*(Continued on Page 14.)*

## THE P. AND O. ANNUAL REPORT.

### EFFECT OF CHINA WAR ON BUSINESS.

MR. A. O. LANG'S POST.

London, Dec. 5.

The P. and O. annual report states that the credit balance, including £133,156 brought forward, is £918,001, compared with £919,096 the previous year.

It has been decided to carry forward £118,328.

A new 19,000 ton vessel, with turbo-electric engines, has been contracted for.

According to Lord Inchcape's desire that while he retains active control arrangements be made with a view to the future, the Hon. Alexander Shaw has been appointed deputy chairman, and Mr. Shaw, the Hon. Kenneth Mackay, and Mr. F. C. Allen have been appointed managing directors, to act with the chairman. Thus, Mr. F. R.

### SHANGHAI COURT SENSATION.

Soldier Collapses in the Witness Box.

Shanghai, Dec. 6.

Sergeant Stillwell, of the Military Police, collapsed in the witness box in the Police Court, after testifying to the arrest of Corporal Robertson, of the Scots Guards, who, as reported on Saturday, is under detention following the shooting of a Chinese "boy."

The Chinese here are following the case closely.

It will be recalled that our correspondent reported that Robertson had surrendered after the shooting of a Chinese, and that there was a great deal of mystery connected with the case, with a possible plea of self-defence, or an alternative one that the rifle with which the man was shot went off while it was being cleaned.

A managing director, will be free to go on a tour of inspection of the Eastern and Australian agencies.

Mr. A. O. Lang's Appointment.

Mr. A. O. Lang, formerly of Hongkong, has been appointed Assistant Manager of the Company, in succession to Mr. A. C. Symes, who is retiring.

The report states that the severe drought greatly affected the company's Australian business, the shipment of meat having declined by over 30 per cent. On the contrary the wheat crop from West Australia was over 500,000 tons better.

Trade with China was seriously injured by the civil war in China, and there can be no revival of this trade until after the war ends.

The general trade of Japan declined. There is nothing particular to report as regards India.—*Reuter*.

### WORLD COURT'S POWER OF DECISION.

### BRITISH DOMINIONS NOT COMMITTED.

London, Dec. 5.

Asked which of the Dominions are not in favour of signing the optional clause in relation to the permanent Court of International Justice, Mr. G. Locker Lamson in the House of Commons replied that the last occasion on which this question was the subject of official communication between His Majesty's Governments in Great Britain and the Dominions was at the Imperial Conference last year.

It was then agreed that none of the Governments represented at the Conference would take any action in the direction of acceptance of the compulsory jurisdiction of the permanent Court without bringing up the matter for further discussion.—*British Wireless*.

## INTIMIDATION.

### ATTACK ON SHANGHAI TRAMCAR.

### BRITISH LADY WOUNDED.

Two professional gunmen, who attacked a tram at Shanghai on Thursday morning, firing 17 shots, were shot and killed by the police of Wayside district as they attempted to make off through an alleyway leading into Tongshan Road. Mrs. J. Duncan, wife of a tramway inspector, who rode on the front car, was struck in the right forearm and two Chinese received flesh wounds. Neither the driver nor the conductor, the intended victims of the terrorists, were struck by bullets.

During the afternoon the entire staff of drivers and conductors, fearing for their lives, stopped work.

The attempted assassinations and the subsequent heroic conduct of the police was so sharp and dramatic, that no one connected with the affair is able to give a coherent story of what actually occurred. The first part of the story is clear, but when the police got into the picture the action was so rapid, that only a cinematograph-camera could have recorded what happened.

About 10.50 a.m. tram B50 drew to a stop on East Seward Road, just south of Kungping Road, on a switch and apparently was waiting for an oncoming car. Eight or ten men gathered round the forward end, as the passengers were disembarking. There were no uniformed police nearer than 50 yards.

Suddenly two of the men drew large calibre military Mauser pistols and began shooting at the front vestibule, upon which the tram men stood. Their comrades, without displaying any pistols, stood round them to prevent interference.

### Good Shooting by Police.

How many rounds the gang fired at this point is unknown. Three or four bullets broke the framework. A Chinese police officer, especially for duty in connexion with the tram strike, slipped to a point of vantage, and, as one of the gunmen moved toward the alleyway, fired two shots, both taking effect. As the miscreant was about to fall, two of his comrades took hold of him and half carried him into the alleyway. The officer followed and, with a clean shot, struck him in the head, killing him instantaneously. His confederates immediately ran off through side alleys. They were not struck by the officer's fire.

In the meantime, three additional police officers, on point duty near by, rushed up and engaged with the other. His cohorts, evidently unarmed, in the meanwhile had begun to flee, but the armed man ran into the alleyway, where his comrade had been killed. The police gave chase, firing as they ran. Their aim was accurate and he, too, fell dead at their feet. The body of one was found about 50 yards inside the alley, the other was 30 yards from East Seward Road, when picked up and conveyed to the Mortuary.

Officers telephoned to the station and, within a few minutes Chief Insp. Crookdale, Chief Det. Insp. Prince and all available men hurried to the scene. The party was deployed throughout the district, which was thoroughly "combed." No further suspects were arrested.

Mrs. Duncan, just returning with a full basket from the Market, was shot by one of the bullets which pierced the woodwork of the car. It struck her in the right forearm and inflicted a flesh wound. In the afternoon surgeons removed the bullet at the General Hospital, where it is reported that her condition is not considered serious. The two Chinese were removed to St. Luke's Hospital, where the bullets also were extracted. Neither of them was struck in vital spots, and it is not believed that they are in any danger.

### The Work of Terrorists.

The terrorists have been hard at work for several days and 600 fliers struck on Monday. During Wednesday night, their agents distributed pamphlets at the depot, saying that all men must strike because the police had closed their eyes.—*(Continued on Page 14.)*

## RADIO AND CABLE COMPETITION.

### COMPANIES CONSULT WITH POST OFFICE.

### NO RESULTS REACHED YET.

London, Dec. 5.

A statement by the Eastern Telegraph Company, signed by Sir John Denison Pender, the chairman, and by Messrs. J. C. Denison Pender and H. W. Grant, managing directors, which has been issued to-day, declares:

"A meeting was held at our request, at the Post Office, on October 26, to inform the Post Office of the action the Eastern and associated cable companies were about to take as regards wireless competition."

"After a discussion, the cable companies undertook to postpone action until the Post Office was able to consult other Government departments, and we were assured that before the end of the year, the Post Office would be able to deal with the situation placed before them."

"The public will therefore realise that under the circumstances we consider it to be improper for us to make any statement at the present time.—*Reuter*."

### BRITISH RELATIONS WITH SOVIET.

### NO BASIS OF AGREEMENT.

Geneva, Dec. 5.

Sir Austen Chamberlain and M. Litvinoff held a conference, at the latter's request. The conversation lasted an hour.

A communique states that there was a frank exchange of views on Anglo-Russian relations, but it was impossible to find a basis of agreement.—*Reuter*.

London, Dec. 5.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, who arrived at Geneva yesterday to attend the meeting of the League of Nations Council, which begins to-day, received M. Litvinoff, the Soviet Assistant Commissioner for Foreign Affairs this afternoon. M. Litvinoff, who has been attending the Preparatory Commission for the Disarmament Conference at Geneva, delayed his departure when the Conference concluded on Saturday and paid visits yesterday to the French and German Foreign Ministers, both of whom have arrived at Geneva for the Council meeting.

It is understood that M. Litvinoff expressed to M. Briand a wish to meet Sir Austen Chamberlain. He consented to the interview when a direct request was received from M. Litvinoff, between whose country and Britain diplomatic relations were severed, following the discoveries made in the raid on the Arcos Buildings, London, in which the Soviet Trade Delegation to Britain was housed.—*British Wireless*.

### HUNGARY'S DISPUTE WITH RUMANIA.

### QUESTION APPROACHING SETTLEMENT.

Geneva, Dec. 5.

The Council of the League of Nations has decided, in view of the Hungarian offer to compromise in the dispute with Rumania, to adjourn the Hungaro-Rumanian frontier demarcation question until the March session of the Council, pending the results of negotiations between the Hungarian and Rumanian Governments.—*Reuter*.

### BRITISH NAVAL ECONOMY.

### MANY VESSELS TO BE SCRAPPED.

London, Dec. 5.

A Ministerial reply to a written question reveals that the Admiralty in the present year has ordered the scrapping of 39 vessels, comprising one cruiser, 9 destroyers, 4 submarines, and a number of auxiliary vessels.—*Reuter*.

## CAPTAIN LALOR SAFE.

### TO BE RELEASED TO-MORROW.

### BANDITS REDUCE RANSOM TO \$22,000.

### BEING TREATED WELL.

Capt. W. G. Lalor, master of the pirated s.s. *Siang Tan*, is still safe and well, it was learned with much relief to-day, and though his release is likely to be delayed until to-morrow, no further fears are entertained.

After his disappearance from Paitang, the naval authorities yesterday followed up every clue to his whereabouts and finally succeeded in getting into touch with the bandit chief, who was paid \$2,000 on a promise to produce Capt. Lalor on Wednesday.

### In the Hills.

The bandit gang which has held Capt. Lalor prisoner since last Wednesday night, when they attacked his steamer at anchor about seventeen miles below Ichang, has taken refuge in the hill fastnesses inland from the Yangtze, but seems to be treating him well. The bandit chief demands the payment of \$20,000 on Wednesday as consideration for Capt. Lalor's immediate liberty. It will be recalled that week-end messages stated that the bandits demanded \$60,000 as ransom money.

The naval authorities are meanwhile maintaining close touch with the pirates.

It is understood that the negotiations with the bandits were conducted through a Scottish missionary named Tocher.

London, Dec. 5.

The Admiralty announces that the chief of the Chinese bandits has been interviewed, and has agreed to produce Captain Lalor on Wednesday. Capt. Lalor is alive and well.—*Reuter*.

### NEW INDIA OFFICE APPOINTMENT.

### A RESHUFFLE OF POSTS.

London, Dec. 5.

The India Office announces that the King has approved of the appointment of Sir George Schuster to be a member of the Executive Council of the Governor-General of India, from September next.

Sir George Schuster will retain his present appointment as Financial and Economical Adviser to the Colonial Office, until his departure for India. It is contemplated that before then the task of the East Africa Commission, on which Sir George is at present serving, will be completed.

A temporary vacancy in the Executive Council of the Governor-General of India, which will exist from the expiry of the term of office of Sir Basil Blackett, in April next, until the arrival of Sir George Schuster in India, will, under Section 92 of the Government of India Act, be filled by the Governor-General in Council, who has decided to appoint Mr. McWatters.

It is intended that Sir Bhupendra Nath Mitra should temporarily take charge of the Finance Department, and Mr. McWatters of the Department of Industries and Labour.—*British Wireless*.

### MR. COOLIDGE AND THE PRESIDENCY.

### MR. HENRY FORD'S OPINION.

Detroit, Dec. 5.

Mr. Henry Ford, who is a member of the Michigan committee which is trying to bring the 1928 Republican Convention to Detroit, has stated that he is certain Mr. Coolidge will not run again for the Presidency.—*Reuter's American Service*.

### TO-DAY.

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## AL FRESCO FETE.

## COMPLETE LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS.

Below will be found a complete list of the prize winners in the various lotteries at last Sunday's fete in aid of the funds of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Winners are asked to note that they should take delivery of their prizes from Messrs. J. M. Alves Office, 1-A Chater Road, on or before noon on Saturday, 10th December. All prizes unclaimed after this date will be auctioned.

Motor car won by Mr. Standage. Ticket No. 2107—The following are the Consolation Prizes:

1st, Silver Centre Piece, Ticket No. 1730, Mr. Ho Shit Yu; 2nd, B.S.A. Bicycle, Ticket No. 2402, Mr. Tay Kuen Swan; 3rd, Wall Clock, Ticket No. 0736, Mr. W. J. Eldridge; 4th, Rocking Horse, Ticket No. 2473, Mr. Robt. Innes; 5th, Large Doll, Ticket No. 1589, Mr. Choa Po Sien; 6th, Manicure Set, Ticket No. 1311, Capt. Stanton, K.O.S.B.; 7th, Rocking Horse, Ticket No. 2133, Mr. K. E. Mogra (Canton); 8th, Cow (toy), Ticket No. 2123, Mr. B. Wong; 9th, Hot Jug, Ticket No. 2157, Mr. A. G. Hope; 10th, Sucking Pig (toy), Ticket No. 1864, Mr. T. J. Roberts.

## American Stall.

1st Drawing: 1st No. 91, Mrs. C. Gardner, 2nd No. 7, Miss Annie Stanham, 3rd No. 90, c/o Dockyard, 4th No. 50, Alberto Alves, 5th No. 88, Mrs. J. M. Alves.

2nd Drawing: 1st No. 26, Barrett, 2nd No. 22, F. K. Mody, 3rd No. 37, Marie Remedios, 4th No. 61, Rohn, 5th No. 47, F. M. Xavier.

3rd Drawing: 1st No. 18, H. L. Yung, 2nd No. 47, Mrs. Nydia Silva, 3rd No. 110, Evedina Veira, 4th No. 13, Margaret, 5th No. 8, R. Santos.

4th Drawing: 1st No. 4, H. C. Wong, 2nd No. 77, A. Franky, 3rd No. 69, J. W. Loureiro, 4th No. 75, Miss Kwok, 5th No. 72, Maria Choa Po Sien.

5th Drawing: 1st No. 40, Miss M. Loureiro, 2nd No. 47, Moss, Kennedy Rd., 3rd No. 39, Ruby Hyder, 4th No. 88, J. M. Alves, 5th No. 120, R. Santos.

6th Drawing: 1st No. 106, Rinaldo Xavier, 2nd No. 28, J. Lewis, 3rd No. 17, J. M. J. & Y., 4th No. 101, J. A. da Silva, 5th No. 22, D. A. Rosario.

7th Drawing: 1st No. 47, Celeste Ozorio, 2nd No. 110, Simon, Tse Yan, 3rd No. 117, Mrs. Barrett, 4th No. 81, Simon, Tse Yan, 5th No. 115, E. F. Brown.

8th Drawing: 1st No. 39, M. da Silva, 2nd No. 98, E. Osmund, 3rd No. 48, G. A. for W. P., Kowloon, 4th No. 63, J. E. Ollerton, 5th No. 112, E. J. O'Neill.

9th Drawing: 1st No. 75, J. H. Brister, 2nd No. 87, R. O. Ward, 3rd No. 120, H. F. Young, 4th No. 3, Pickford, 5th No. 47, H. Dixon.

The 10th, 11th and 12th drawings were cancelled.

## American Stall (Special).

1st Drawing: 1st 1 Rocking Horse, No. 11, H. Dixon, 2nd 1 Coffee set, No. 16, Chee Ling, 3rd 1 Railway, No. 92, V. Silva, 4th 1 Fire Engine, No. 58, J. Brown, 5th 1 Garden Set, No. 40, R. Davis.

2nd Drawing: 1st 1 Tricycle, No. 30, J. M. Alves, 2nd 1 Donkey, No. 61, I. M. Xavier, 3rd 1 Doll (Pink), No. 42, Mabel E. Gourdin, 4th 1 Doll (Cheek), No. 15, J. Lawrie, 5th 1 Elephant, No. 73, A. Granelli.

3rd Drawing: 1st 1 Pair Flower Pot, No. 85, V. Riedler, 2nd 1 Aluminium Tea Set, No. 11, E. Hyndham, 3rd 1 Doll (Lace), No. 76, Dickey Alves, 4th 1 Doll (Yellow), No. 57, H. Neves, 5th 1 Box Blocks, No. 68, J. P. Xavier.

4th Drawing: 1st 1 Tricycle, No. 47, J. A. Rocha, 2nd 1 (Tom) Cat, No. 15, E. A. Noronha, 3rd 1 Doll (Blue), No. 4, Mrs. J. Noronha, 4th 1 Doll (Flower), No. 60, A. W. Ribeiro, 5th 1 Truck, No. 55, Capt. G. A. Malig.

5th Drawing: 1st 1 Cushion, No. 88, M. C. da Souza, 2nd 1 Pig, No. 22, C. Guizmar (Savoy Hotel), 3rd 1 Rifle (Eureka), No. 10, Marie Nolasco, 4th 1 Doll (Apron)

## LIFT TRAGEDY.

## CRUSHED BY FALLING WEIGHT.

An unusual accident occurred at the Jardine Engineering Corporation's building on Saturday evening in which a Chinese met with instant death, his head being crushed by the falling weight of the lift.

It seems that a party of seven men went to the building to fix electric wires. Four of them ascended in the lift, the remainder remaining below. One of their number, inquisitive as to the working of the lift, stepped inside the shaft and before he could get out again the descending weight struck him, crushing his head.

His companions dragged him out to find life extinct, death having been instantaneous. The police were notified and the body removed to the mortuary.

No. 94, Alda C. dos Remedios, 5th 1 Barrel, No. 61, Yolanda Britto. 6th Drawing: 1st 1 Shaving Set, No. 42, Mang Hang, 2nd 1 Dog, No. 77, L. W. Edwards, 3rd 1 Coffee Set, No. 11, A. A. Botelho, 4th 1 Baby Doll, No. 18, E. F. Wilkinson, 5th 1 Horse and Cart, No. 7, J. Noronha.

## 7th Drawing, cancelled.

8th Drawing: 1st 1 Large Doll, No. 63, Backhouse, 2nd 1 Tea Set, No. 65, J. Soenderame, 3rd 1 Doll, No. 18, H. Smith, 4th 1 Aluminium Set, No. 40, G. M. Spada, 5th 1 Eureka Set, No. 27, H. H. Milly.

9th Drawing: 1st No. 80, J. M. S. Blundell, 2nd No. 9, Elsa Monteiro, 3rd No. 10, Angus C. McDonald, 4th No. 51, H. S. Cheung, 5th No. 33, D. A. Rosario.

10th Drawing: 1st 1 Pr. Triangular Flower Pots, No. 4, Julianna, 2nd 1 Tea Set, No. 19, S. & N. R., 3rd 1 Doll, No. 89, Good Luck, 4th 1 Doll, No. 81, E. E. Edgman, 5th 1 Barrel, No. 69, S. J. Clarke.

Wine Raffle: 1st 1 Case Champagne, No. 125, N. W. Chan, 2nd 1 Case Whisky, No. 236, A. Alves, 3rd 1 Case Beer, No. 159, J. A. de V. Soares.

## Little Flower Stall.

Raffle of Toys: 1st Elisa Baptista, 2nd Maria Choa, 3rd J. M. Alves, 4th Jose da Graca, 5th Alicia Gutierrez, 6th W. R. Wilkinson, 7th Jose Santiago, 8th Mrs. Alves, 9th Cissy Pereira, 10th C. and S., 11th Rev. A. Granelli, 12th Mrs. Barton, 13th C. and S., 14th Mrs. C. Gardner, 15th Yolanda Silva, 16th A. S. da Silva, 17th Rev. L. M. Rossi, 18th A. D. Blanco, 19th G. de S., 20th W. N. Newbury, 21st Bishop Valterra.

Raffle of Fancy Articles: 1st Marie Van, 2nd Marie Remedios, 3rd Alice Gutierrez, 4th Olive Xavier, 5th M. C. Nolasco da Silva, 6th Marie M. Alves, 7th C. A. Barretto, 8th Mr. Paul, 9th Mrs. A. A. Alves, 10th C. A. Xavier, 11th Phemie Cruz, 12th Patricia Remedios, 13th H. M. Soares, 14th Mrs. G. J. Spink, 15th W. R. Wilkinson, 16th V. Shanks, 17th V. Shanks.

Shooting Gallery (Dollar Raffle): 1st Prize Ticket No. 118; 2nd Prize Ticket No. 229; 3rd Prize Ticket No. 119; 4th Prize Ticket No. 172; 5th Prize Ticket No. 87; 6th Prize Ticket No. 60; 7th Prize Ticket No. 151; 8th Prize Ticket No. 146; 9th Prize Ticket No. 144; 10th Prize Ticket No. 49.

Ten Cents Stall (Dollar Raffle): 1st Prize Ticket No. 71 Mr. Fred Xavier; 2nd Prize Ticket No. 52 Mr. A. E. Carvalho; 3rd Prize Ticket No. 9 Miss Celeste Bayot; 4th Prize Ticket No. 34 Miss Alice Carvalho; 5th Prize Ticket No. 28 Mr. Van Wylick; 6th Prize Ticket No. 8 Mr. Jose Graen; 7th Prize Ticket No. 57 Mr. F. de la Cruz; 8th Prize Ticket No. 49 Mrs. Leonor Noronha; 9th Prize Ticket No. 43 Mr. J. M. Alves; 10th Prize Ticket No. 19 Mr. Hector Remedios; 11th Prize Ticket No. 41 Mr. J. E. Rocha; 12th Prize Ticket No. 75 Mr. W. G. Whyte.

Chinese Ladies Stall (30 cents stall): 1st Prize, N. H. Ford (Tutoria Instituta); 2nd Prize J.

## PRAYA MURDER.

## ASSAULTED AND THROWN INTO HARBOUR.

A mysterious affair which occurred in the small hours of the morning of the 15th of last month, was recalled at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon, when a Chinese was charged with the murder of a young man named Chan Kok-chu.

According to the Assistant Crown Solicitor's opening statement, the defendant was one of three men who were seen to attack a Chinese on the central waterfront near the O. S. K. Wharf, and to drag him to the seawall where he was thrown into the harbour.

The victim was not seen alive again, but the following day the stretch of water between the O. S. K. wharf and another pier in the vicinity was dragged, and the body was brought up. There were marks of slight cuts and bruises in the head, but no other evidence of a weapon having been used.

The arrest of the defendant in the case occurred very shortly after the hue-and-cry was raised by a few men who happened to be at the spot at that late hour. He was then running into Queen's Road from the direction of the Praya, and was intercepted, it is said, by a Chinese detective whose attention had been drawn to the affair.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks is defending the accused man, and Mr. F. G. Vaux is representing the father of the deceased.

The case was adjourned.

Johnstone (Dodwell and Co.), 3rd Prize F. J. Tavares (Rope Co.).

Guessing Competition: Xmas Cake, correct weight 9 lbs. 3/4 oz. Miss Gutierrez 9 lbs. 1/2 oz.

Dairy Farm Ham, correct weight 9 lbs. 4 oz. Miss E. Loureiro 9 lbs. 6 oz.

Sucking Pig, correct weight 16 lbs. 14 oz. Monteiro 16 lbs. 8 oz.

Turkey, correct weight 12 lbs. 9 oz. Olive Xavier 12 lbs. 10 oz.

Mrs. J. M. S. Rozario, Mr. A. M. Ellis, A. Rozario and Lam Kum-sang 12 lbs. 8 oz. (ties).

The Arcade Raffles of Dressed Dolls, 1st Raffle won by E. Carvalho Ticket No. 5; 2nd Raffle won by G. J. Tarrant Ticket No. 3.

## Surprise Cake.

Miss Clemencia Gonsalves, wedding ring, Miss Webster and Remedios (Maeno), gold brooch, Miss L. Silva, gold wrist watch, Mrs. D. Rozario, gold wrist watch and gold pendant. Miss B. Ozorio, ear-rings, the names of the winners of the diamond ring, other valuable articles and sovereigns not yet reported.

Raffles of Xmas Hampers, Doggies, and the special dressed Dolls: not yet closed, will announce the results later.

In the list of Rose Sellers published last week the name of Master Peter Bridgman who did good work at Repulse Bay Hotel was omitted. The gross receipts of Rose Day and the "Al Fresco Fete" are expected to amount to \$21,000.

## Further Donations.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul begs to acknowledge further donations to the funds of the Al Fresco Fete on December 4.

St. Joseph's College, \$50; Messrs. Keller, Kern and Co. Ltd., \$10; Kowloon Confectionery, selected Sweets; Mr. and Mrs. Buomachea, 1 pair of porcelain vases; St. Mary's School, flower baskets; Mrs. Leiria and Romano, useful articles; Mrs. J. M. da Rocha, ley Hot Jug.

## Thanks.

The Bazaar Committee desire to convey their thanks to all who assisted in making the Rose Day and the "Al Fresco Fete" as successful as it could be expected considering the prevailing conditions to the many generous contributions to the general fund of the fete; to the kind ladies and the

## KOCHOW PIRACY.

## QUESTION OF MR. BLACK'S INSURANCE.

A special combined meeting of the China Coast Officers and Marine Engineers Guild of China was held at the Guild Offices on Sunday morning last, which was attended by the various Guild officials and all river and ocean going officers who could attend.

The Chairman, addressing the meeting, explained that it had been called at the request of a large number of Guild members for the purpose of inviting the attention of the Government to the fact that no enquiry had been held into the piracy of a.s. Kochow on September 1, when Mr. Black, Chief Engineer of that vessel, was murdered, and requesting that such enquiry should be held at an early date. Further, to acquire definite information as to the names of owners whose vessels were trading in the danger zone and who had not yet effected any insurance on the lives and property of the officers employed in their vessels, and subsequently to devise means whereby these owners might be induced to adopt such insurance measures.

Documents relative to the matter were then read and laid before the meeting, there being discussion on salient points indicating lines of action already taken and projected.

It was then proposed and seconded that a letter be sent to the Government asking for an enquiry and drawing attention to the facts that:

(a) No inquiry has been held into the piracy of the Kochow and the assumed death of Mr. Black, in accordance with H.K.M.S.O. No. 10 of 1899, Sec. 19 sub-sections (1) and (4d.).

(b) The serious consequences to the relatives of the absence of some proof of the assumed death.

(c) The desirability of a grant to the widow under the "Terms of Government Notification No. 223 of 25th April, 1924."

A preliminary list was made up from the information supplied by members present, of owners who had not up to date insured their officers and it was then proposed, seconded and passed, that the British and Chinese Chambers of Commerce and the River Boat Owners Association, should be addressed on the subject. The point of this motion was that very few officers were insured and it was desirable that insurance should be effected at an early date.

The proceedings lent weight to the recommendation that a copy of the previous resolution should be sent to the Head Office of the Guilds at Shanghai, urging similar action in respect of the principal companies and owners trading on the Yangtze, observing that the fate of Captain Lator had a direct bearing on the question.

various stores and firms and institutions who sent souvenirs and prizes for the different raffles: Lt.-Col. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O. and Officers for the excellent Band of the K.O.S.B.; Hotel Savoy for providing Headquarters for the Rose Day, the Rev. Fathers of the Italian Mission for the use of the Cathedral compound; the Hongkong Electric Light for illumination; men of H.M.S. Tamar for putting up huntings and decorations; the Public Works Department for the loan of flags; men of H. M. Fleet for taking charge of the tickets of admission; the Hongkong Tramways Co., the Peak Tramway Co., the Star Ferry Co., the Clubs and the various Hotels for their sympathetic support; the Dairy Farm Co., for the various prizes for the Guessing Competition and for running the Farm Yard; Mr. U. Rumjahn for the use of the drum for the Motor Car Draw; Police Department for the excellent Police arrangements; Fire Brigade, the 16th Hongkong, the Chinese C.Y.M.S.; the Chinese Young Ladies and the "Little Flower" Association for the good service rendered. Messrs. Xavier Bros., for procuring the European Toys, without commission and Mr. Ho Wing of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for the services of the Bank Street; Mr. Beveridge of the Hongkong Bank for arranging the conveyance of the takings to the Bank after the fete, and all others not here mentioned who contributed in any way towards the success of the fete.

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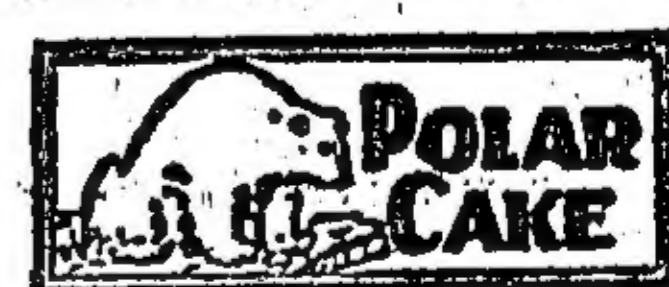
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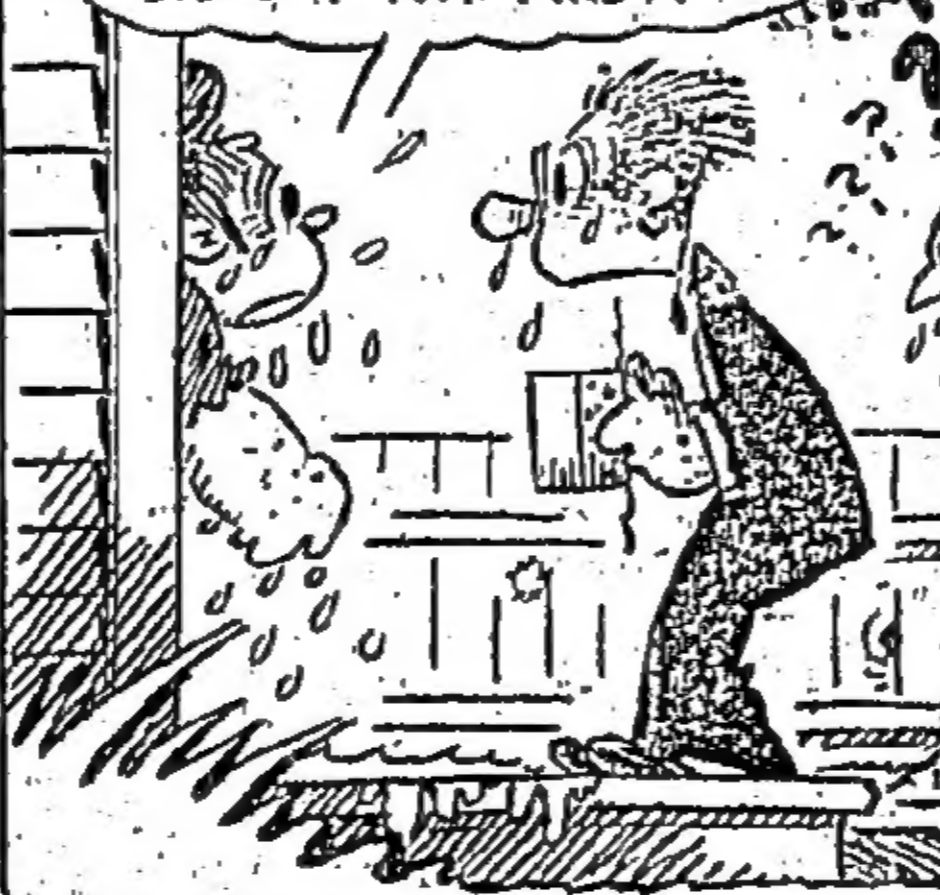


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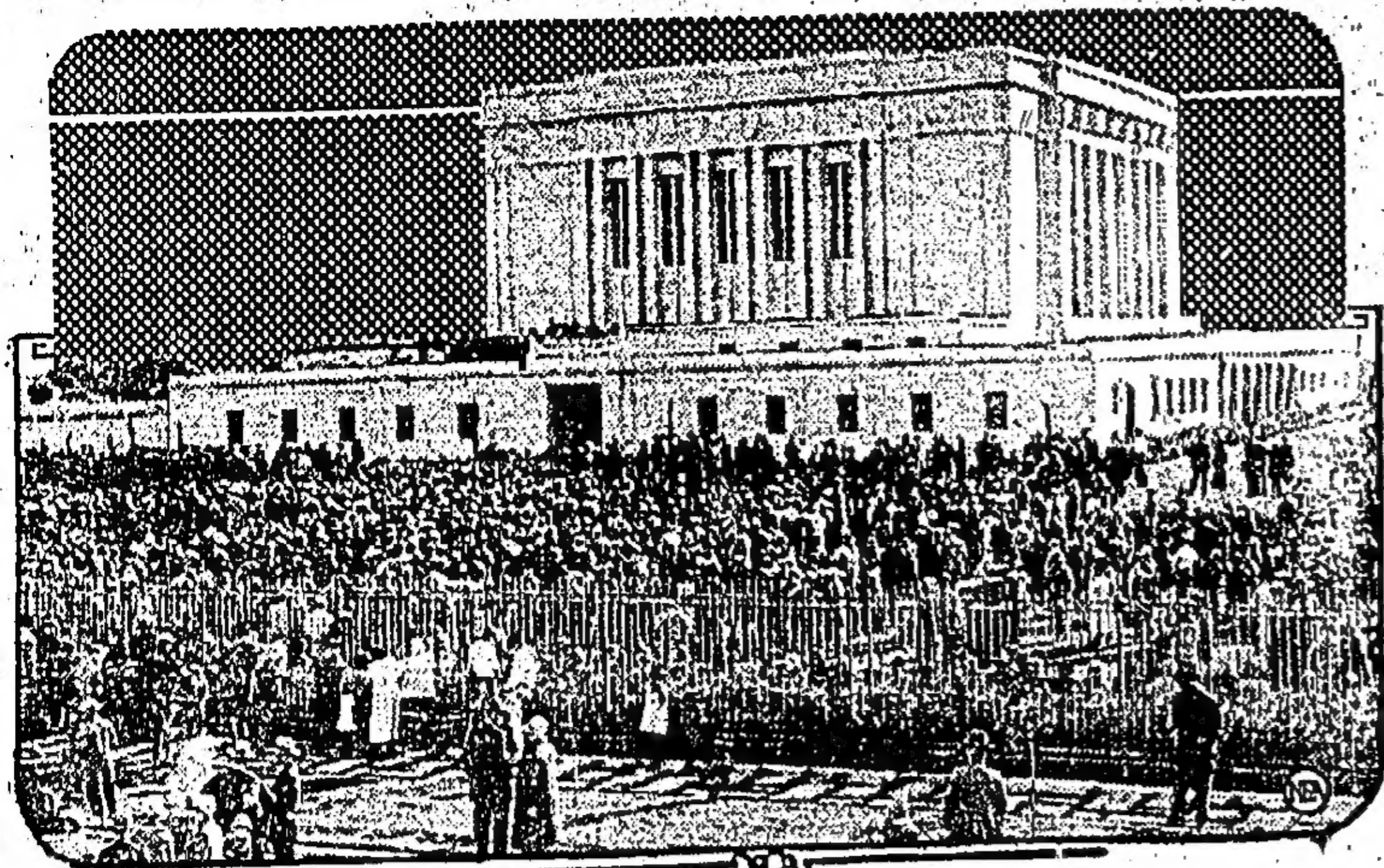
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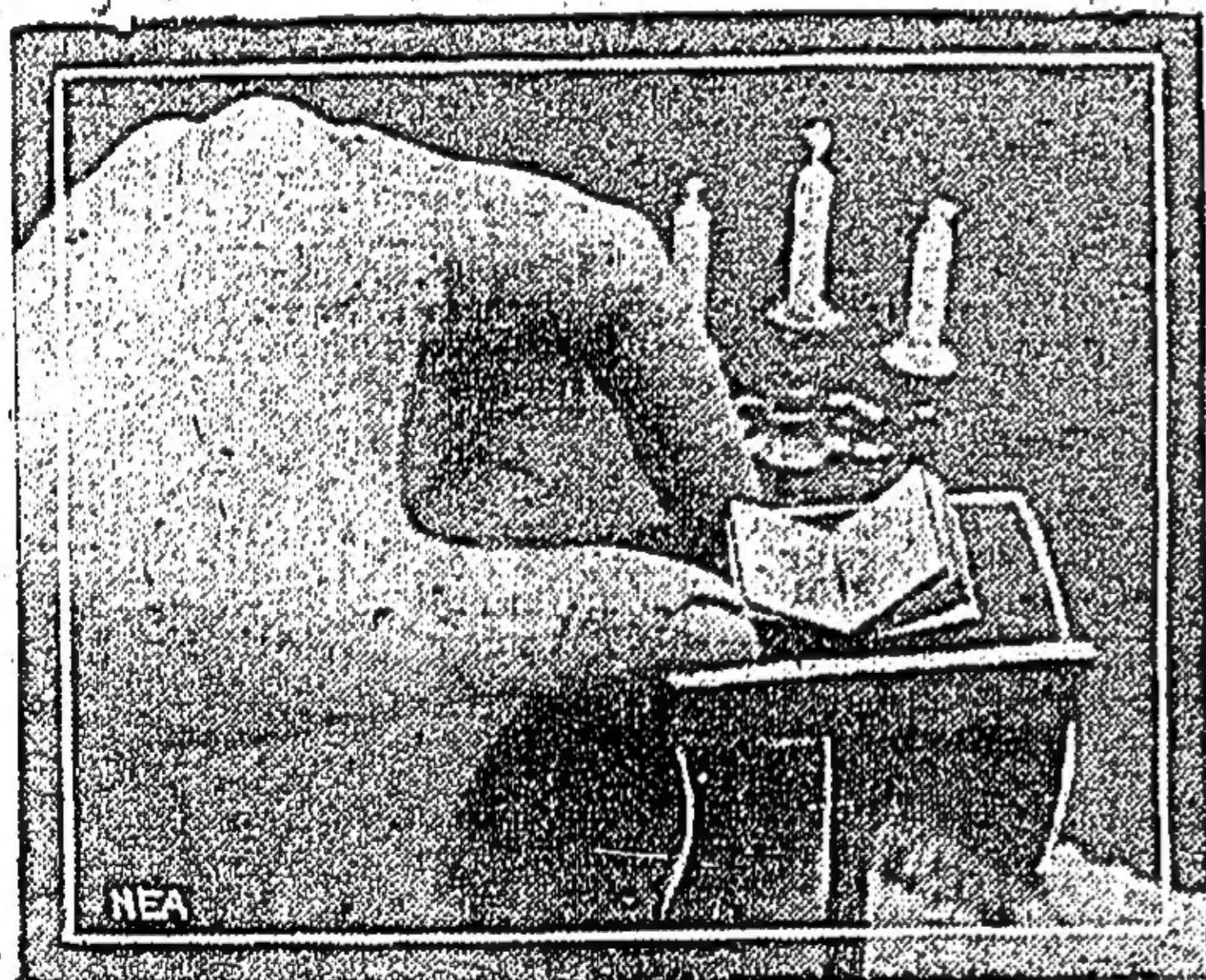
## By Small



**A TEMPLE DEDICATION**—A crowd estimated at 30,000 people witnessed the ceremony of dedication of the Arizona Temple at Mesa, Ariz., by President Heber J. Grant of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Following the exercises the magnificent structure was closed to the public, and will be used only for religious rituals. The picture shows part of the crowd.



**TO LOST AIRMEN**—In commemoration of the fliers who lost their lives in the Dole race from San Francisco to Honolulu, flowers were strewn over the waters in an impressive mid-Pacific ceremonial recently. The photograph shows the crowd aboard the steamer Maui preparing to honour the seven lost aviators.



**WORLD'S SMALLEST BIBLE**—This tiny Bible, the property of M. H. Livingston of Covington, Ky., is said to be the world's smallest copy. A human hand is shown in the picture, depositing the Bible on a rustrum in a model church built by Livingston.



**NOT FIRE BUT DIRT**—Calm yourself, the Capitol was not ablaze when this photo was made: it was merely receiving its semi-annual bath at the hands and hose of Washington firemen.



**HOAXER**—Smiling at you here is Dr. Dorothy C. Logan, London physician, who claimed that she swam the English Channel from Cape Gris Nez to Folkestone in an hour and twenty minutes under Gertrude Ederle's woman's record. Dr. Logan later admitted that it was a hoax.



**TWO GENERATIONS**—August Hauke, 71, who passed under the Arc de Triomphe in Paris as a soldier in the triumphant German armies of 1871 and his son, Frank, who marched beneath the arch as an American doughboy in the 1918 victory parade, reverently view the tomb of the French unknown soldier at the Arc during the Legion convention.



**TO TESTIFY**—Admiral J. K. Robison is one of the witnesses summoned in the trial of former Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall and Harry F. Sinclair, on charges of conspiracy to defraud the Government.



**STAGE AND SCREEN**—Richard Barthelmess, movie actor poses here with his fiancée, Katherine Wilson, stage actress. The two are in Los Angeles, where they plan to be married soon.



**OBTAINED PROMINENCE**—Pretty Ruth Elder was certainly going to take wing across the Atlantic. Such was the substance of her determined remarks when she arrived at Roosevelt Field, Long Island, from Wheeling, W. Va., with Capt. George Haldeman, her navigator. You see them here beside their orange monoplane, "American Girl." But they failed, were rescued in mid-ocean, and obtained much world notice.



**MARCONI IN AMERICA**—Guiglielmo Marconi, inventor of wireless, and his titled wife the former Countess Christina Bezzl Scala, are shown here arriving in New York to attend the international Radio Conference, held there recently.



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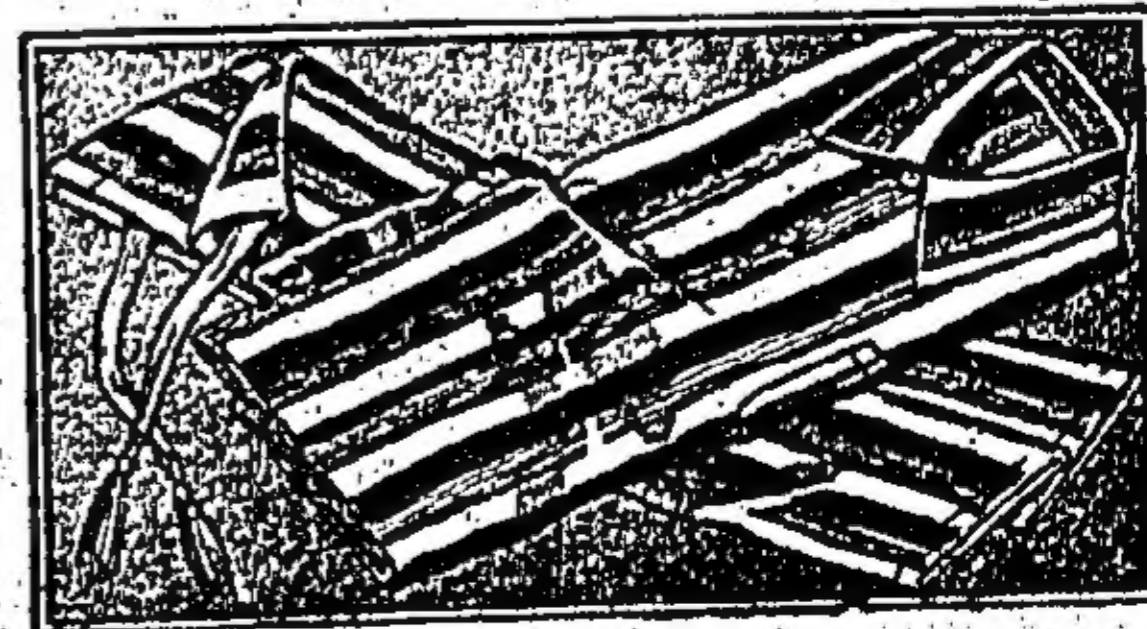
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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

### NOTICE.

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THE NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong on Thursday the 22nd day of December, 1927, at noon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the directors for the year ended 30th September, 1927, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, the 10th December, 1927, until Thursday, the 22nd December, 1927, both days inclusive. Shareholders intending to send in for registration Transfers of partly Paid "New" Shares are particularly requested to note that the liability to pay the Final Call of \$3 per share is not transferred to the transferee, and the Company will therefore require payment of the Final Call before registering a transfer of "New" Shares.

On all Final Calls paid in advance of the ultimately due date, the Company pays interest half-yearly, i.e., to 31st December and 30th June, at the rate of Seven per cent. per annum from the date of payment of the Call until the date when the Call finally falls due.

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Hongkong, 5th December, 1927.

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Wednesday and Thursday, 7th and 8th December, 1927.

Official Opening by H. E. The Governor

on Wednesday, 7th December, at 2.30 p.m.

Trains to Sheung Shui at 1.15 p.m. from Kowloon.

Trains from Sheung Shui at 4.48 p.m. to Kowloon.

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## MACAO RACES.

### FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING.

SUNDAY, 11th DECEMBER, 1927.

(Weather Permitting).

First Saddling Bell 12.45 p.m.

First Race at 1.15 p.m.

Public Enclosure 40 cents.

Members Enclosure \$2.00.

Steamers to Macao.

Lungshan 8.30 a.m. Sunday, 11th December.

Sui An 9.30 a.m. Sunday 11th December.

Returning from Macao.

Sui An 3.30 p.m.

Lungshan 5.30 p.m.

By Order,

S. W. CHENG,

Secretary.

Hongkong, December 8, 1927.

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### PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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At the Godown of The Standard Oil Co. of New York, Lai-chi-kok. (for account of the concerned.) 88 Boxes Tin Plates, more or less damaged.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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### PUBLIC AUCTION.

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at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Selection of Ladies' Knitted Costumes, Dress Materials, etc.

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One Lot of Ladies' Shoes and Bead Bags.

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## SHARE PRICES.

### TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1140 b.  
Chartered Bank, \$21 b.  
Mercantile A. & B., \$31 n.  
Paand O. \$10 n.  
Est Asia, \$52 n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$555 b.  
Union Ins., \$293 b.  
North China, Ins., \$143 n.  
Yangtze Ins., \$461 b.  
China Underwriters, \$120 s.  
China Fires, \$215 n.  
H. K. Fire Ins., \$635 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$38 b.  
H. K. Steamships, \$20 s.  
H. K. Tugs, \$170 s.  
Indo-China, (Prof.) \$30 n.  
Shell Trans., 90/- n.  
Union Waterboats, \$17 n.

Mining.

Banquets, \$21 n.  
Kailans, 63/- n.  
Langkats, \$181 b.  
Shai Exploration, \$12.90 s.  
Rauba, \$37 b.  
Tronchs, 19/3 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$1222 b.  
Whampoa Docks, \$35 s.  
China Providents, \$4 n.  
Hoagkows, \$157 b.  
New Engineerings, \$15 s.  
Shanghai Docks, \$15 95 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, \$11.71 s.

Oriental, \$12.2 n.

Shai Cottons, \$12.461 X Div.

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H. and S. Hotels, \$7.10 sa.

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Humphreys, \$13.75 b.

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Tramways, \$20.80 b.

Peak Trams, (old), \$14 s.

Star Ferries, \$571 b.

China Lights, (comb), \$12 s.

H'kong Electric, \$551 b.

Macao Electric, \$44 b.

Telephones, \$3.90 b.

China Buses, \$14 sa.

Singapore Tractions, 12/9 n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$13 n.

Malabons, \$50 s.

Canton Ice, \$5 n.

Cement (Comb), \$7 s.

Ropes (Old), \$10 n.

United Asbestos, \$12 s.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, \$15.10 n.

Watsons, \$111 n.

Dor A. Wing, \$6 n.

Lano Crawfords, \$5 s.

Mackintosh, \$22 s.

Sinceres, \$81 n.

Wm. Powells, \$5 s.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$19 b.

Constructions, \$11 s.

B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 551/2 b.

H. K. G. Loan, 4% Prem

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Outlets articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

It is notified for information that Feather Fans and Brooches cannot be sent by post to Great Britain. They are prohibited by the Plumage (Prohibition) Act of 1921.

### RADIO NOTICES

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Shanghai	Chenan	December 6.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Pierce	December 6.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Portes	December 6.
Straits	Memnon	December 11.
Suez and Straits	Cyclops	December 7.
Amoy	Talma	December 7.
Amoy and Swatow	Van Heutsz	December 7.
Saigon	Andre Lebon	December 7.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	Emp. of Russia	December 8.
Shanghai	Sinkiang	December 8.
Europe via Suez, letters and papers, London 10th November and Parcels 3rd November		
Shanghai	Manila	December 8.
Australia and Manila	Changie	December 9.
Straits	Haruna Maru	December 11.
Straits	Fooksang	December 11.
Straits	Karmala	December 12.
Shanghai	Diomed	December 13.
Australia and Manila	Aki Maru	December 15.
Japan and Shanghai	Hakozaki Maru	December 15.
Suez and Straits	Antenor	December 16.
Japan	Rakuyo Maru	December 17.
Shanghai	Machon	December 17.
Manila	Tango Maru	December 17.
Suez and Straits	Helena	December 20.
Straits	Pyrrhus	December 22.
Straits	City of Pekin	December 22.
Shanghai	Kamo Maru	December 23.
Japan and Shanghai	Patroclus	December 23.
Suez and Straits	Hakusan Maru	December 30.
	Ixion	December 30.

### OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and *Europe via Vancouver, B.C. and Europe via Siberia	Emp. of Canada	Tues., Dec. 6.
	Parcels	3 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	(Due Vancouver, B.C., 26th Dec.)	
Manila	Pros. Pierce	Tues., Dec. 6, 5 p.m.
Swatow	Fookshing	Tues., Dec. 6, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Menado Maru Wed.	Dec. 7, 5.30 a.m.
Dairen	Oyama Maru Wed.	Dec. 7, 12.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Andre Lobon Wed.	Dec. 7, 12.30 p.m.
Straits	Van Heutsa Thurs.	Dec. 8, 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Talma	Thurs., Dec. 8.
	Parcels	12.30 p.m.
	Letters	1.30 p.m.
Java via Batavia	Tyitaroom	Thurs., Dec. 8, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., Dec. 8, 2.30 p.m.
Tourane	Cheong Kong Thurs.	Dec. 8, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Russia	Thurs., Dec. 8, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Morea	Thurs., Dec. 8, 5 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhol and Halphong	Chemam	Fri., Dec. 9, 11.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining	Fri., Dec. 9, 1 p.m.
Shanghai	Suiyang	Fri., Dec. 9, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Tjikembang	Fri., Dec. 9, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Mantua	Sat., Dec. 10.
	G. P. O.	
	Parcels	9th Dec., 4.30 p.m.
	Registration	10th Dec., 9 a.m.
	Letters	10th Dec., 10 a.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Parcels	9th Dec., 5 p.m.
	Registration	10th Dec., 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10th Dec. 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 6th Jan., 1923).	
Formosa, Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, *U.S.A., *Canada, *C. and *S. America and *Europe via Siberia	Siberia Maru	Sat., Dec. 10.
Francisco and Europe via Siberia	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	(Due San Francisco 6th Jan., 1923).	
Wei Hai Wei	Cheong Shing Sat.	Dec. 10, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Antang	Sat., Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwungtung	Sun., Dec. 11, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kiao Maru	Sun., Dec. 11, 9 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Hoosuna Maru Mon.	Dec. 12, 10.30 a.m.
Amoy	Fooksang	Mon., Dec. 12, 12 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Tues., Dec. 13, noon.
*Straits and Calcutta	Lai Sang	Tues., Dec. 13.
	Parcels	noon
	Letters	1 p.m.
Straits, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Diomed	Tues., Dec. 13.
	G. P. O.	
	Registration	1 p.m.
	Letters	1 p.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Registration	1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 13th Jan., 1923).	
Swatow	Chak Sang	Tues., Dec. 13, 5 p.m.
Japan	Aki Maru	Fri., Dec. 13, 9.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Change	15th 5 p.m.
	Registration	Fri., Dec. 13.
	Letters	9.45 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island 27th Dec.)	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hakozaki Maru	Sat., Dec. 17.
	K. P. O.	
	Registration	Dec. 16, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	Dec. 17, 9 a.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Registration	Dec. 17, 8.45 a.m.
	Letters	Dec. 17, 9.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 16th Jan., 1923).	
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Tango Maru	Wed., Dec. 21.
	Registration	8.45 a.m.
	Letters	9.30 a.m.
	(Thursday Island 2nd Jan., 1923).	
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Rakuyo Maru Fri.	Dec. 23, 10.30 a.m.
	Kamo Maru	Tues., Dec. 27, 9 a.m.

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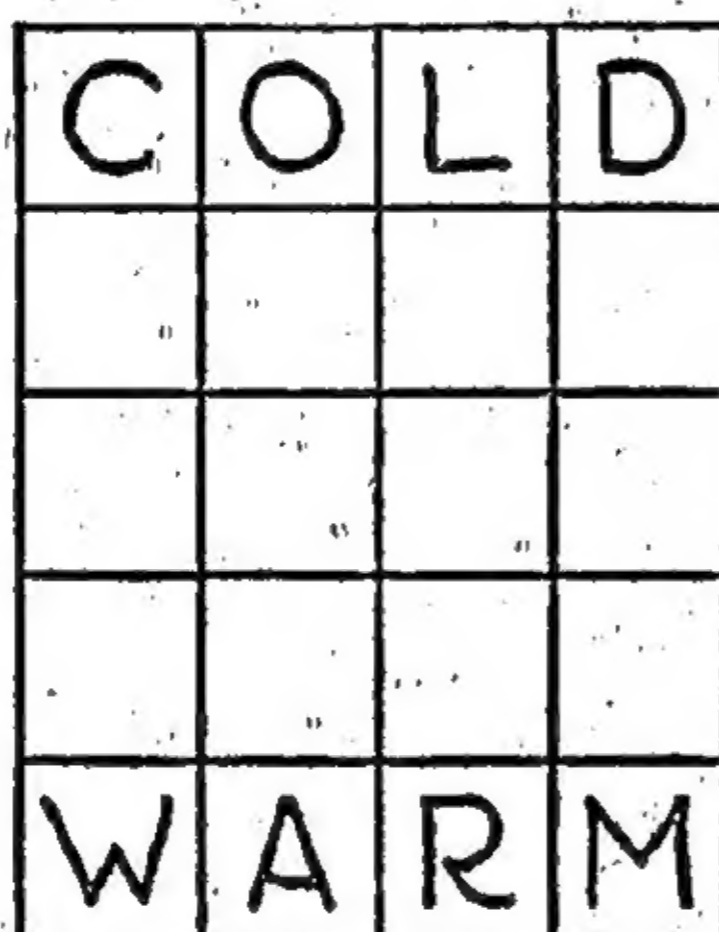
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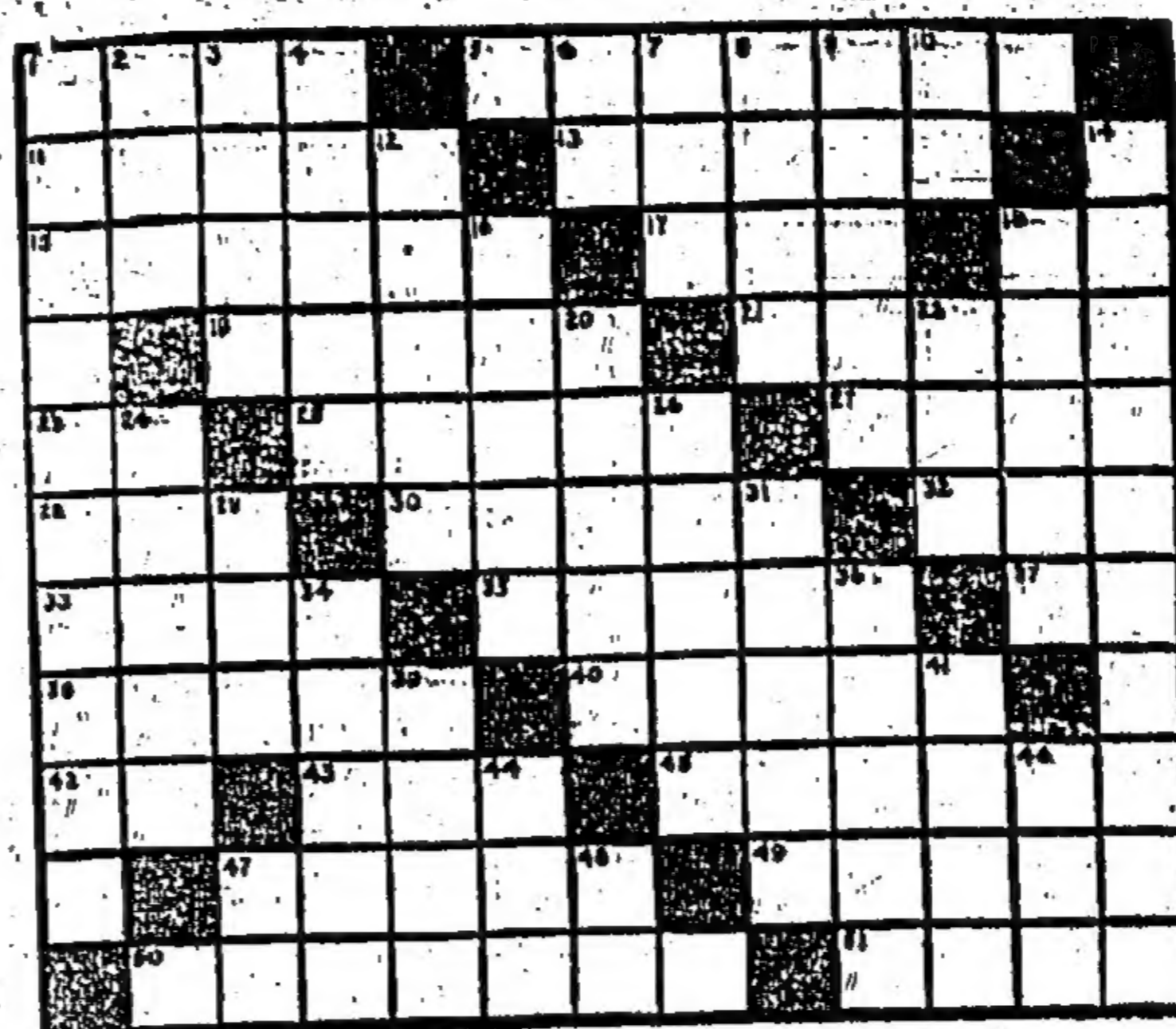
BRITISH FIRM IN  
MANILA.CELEBRATES CENTENARY OF  
FOUNDATION.Messrs. Ker and Company, the  
well-known firm of exporters, im-  
porters and insurance agents, of  
Manila, have just celebrated the  
centenary of the foundation of  
their firm in the Philippines.The firm, which is one of the  
oldest-established in the Far East,  
commenced operations in Manila  
in 1827, as the result of the  
gradual expansion and develop-  
ment of a business which was al-  
ready flourishing in Singapore and  
Java. The foundation of this  
business dates from 1823, when  
Mr. Hugh Syme, of the firm of  
Murray, Syme and Company,  
Liverpool, arrived in Singapore  
from England, and commenced to  
trade under the name of Syme and  
Company. Steamships and the  
Suez Canal were as yet undream-  
ed of at that time, and Mr. Syme  
had to travel by a small sailing  
vessel via the Cape of Good Hope.  
It is recorded that his voyage last-  
ed five months. In the year 1825  
Mr. Syme joined in partnership  
with Mr. J. K. Pitcairn, and estab-  
lished at Batavia, in Java, the firm  
of Pitcairn, Syme and Company.  
Branches of this firm were sub-  
sequently opened at Sourabaya  
and Samarang, Java, while a  
branch of Syme and Company was  
established at Bangkok, Siam.The style of the firm of Murray,  
Syme and Company has, owing to  
the death or retirement of the  
partners, undergone changes at in-  
tervals during the past hundred  
years—first to Sholfield, Doering  
and Company, later to Sholfield,  
Bolton and Company, and still  
later to Ker, Bolton and Company,  
under which name business is at  
present carried on at the firm's  
principal offices in London and  
Glasgow. The Philippine branch  
of the firm was established in  
Manila in November, 1827, under  
the name of Ker, Murray and  
Company, the designation being  
changed in 1846 to its present  
form, Ker and Company. The  
firm are represented also by  
branches in Iloilo and Cebu.

## LETTER GOLF.

HERE'S A NEAT FOUR.

If you're COLD it isn't hard to  
get WARM. Just a twist of the  
pencil. Par is four strokes, which  
could be beaten, maybe.1—The idea of letter golf is  
to change one word to another  
and to it in par, a given number  
of strokes. Thus to change  
COW TO HEN, in three  
strokes. COW, HOW, HEW,  
HEN.2—You can change only one  
letter at a time.3—You must have a complete  
word, of common usage, for  
each jump. Slang words and  
abbreviations don't count.4—The order of letters can-  
not be changed.  
One solution is printed on  
another page of this issue.

## OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

1 Rodents.  
5 Made threefold.  
11 To enlist.  
13 Pertaining to a region.  
15 Tar.  
17 To devour.  
18 Behold.  
19 Oral.  
21 Got up.  
23 Exclamation of inquiry.  
25 Swift.  
27 Tidy.  
28 Eccentric wheel.  
30 Even.  
32 Evening preceding a holiday.  
33 Street car.  
35 Leaf division of the calyx.  
37 Half an em.  
38 Not as many.  
40 Braided thong.  
42 You and me.  
43 To knock lightly.  
45 Term of holding.  
47 Detects.  
49 To restrain.  
50 Connected by kinship.  
51 Hardens.

Down.

1 Regardful.  
2 Collection of facts.  
3 To cause to stumble.  
4 Pertaining to the sun.  
6 San god.  
7 Before.  
8 To carry burdens.  
9 Classical language.  
10 Deity.  
12 Pertaining to the space between  
the eyes and the bill of a bird.  
14 Contestants.  
16 Larvae.  
18 To depart.  
20 Organ which secretes bile.  
22 To observe.  
24 Rabbits.  
26 Railway station.  
29 Crawl.  
31 Crippled.  
34 Iron.  
36 Alleys.  
38 Polynesian chestnut.  
39 Pear-shaped stringed instru-  
ment.  
44 House cat.  
46 To soak flax.  
47 Masculine pronoun.  
48 Point of compass.

## CINEMA NOTES.

"ALIAS THE DEACON" AT THE  
QUEEN'S.An unusual and appealing film  
is to be seen at the Queen's Theatre  
to-day in "Alias the Deacon," a  
simple story of a picturesque  
character."Alias the Deacon" proved a  
tremendous success as a stage  
play in London and New York.  
With Jean Harlow, one of the  
most celebrated actors on the  
screen, in the rich role of the  
character who covers his real  
occupation under the benign ex-  
terior of a deacon, it is even bet-  
ter as a film.In addition to the character star,  
the cast of the picture includes  
Ralph Graves, June Marlowe,  
Myrtle Stedman, Lincoln Plamen-  
ner, Ned Sparks, Maurice Murphy,  
Tom Kennedy and others.

"The Black Pirate."

Described as the wonder film  
of the year in which it was pro-  
duced, "The Black Pirate" is being  
screened again in Hongkong, be-  
ing the feature attraction at the  
World Theatre from today to  
Saturday. The picture has been  
shown in the Colony before, but  
it is sure to draw crowded houses  
during its present run, because  
local cinema-goers will not have a  
further opportunity of seeing it  
in the Colony. The hero of "The  
Black Pirate" is Douglas Fair-  
banks, moving easily and lightly  
through a series of amazing and  
thrilling adventures against a  
picturesque background. The  
picture is in full natural colour.

"Manhandled."

"Manhandled," Gloria Swanson's  
Paramount picture, which comes  
to the Star Theatre to-day and to-  
morrow was produced by Allan  
Dwan from Arthur Stringer's  
story of the same name.Miss Swanson has the role of a  
shop girl in a department store,  
whose desire for beautiful clothes  
and a so-called good time leads  
her into free and easy contact with  
so many men that her reputation  
is tarnished. She learns that the

## U.S. PACIFIC LINES.

SHIPPING BOARD ORDERS  
SALE.Washington, Nov. 29.  
Accepting the recommendations  
of its sub-committee, the Shipping  
Board today ordered the sale of  
its three Pacific lines under two  
methods of bidding.Under one form of bidding the  
lines will be offered for 25 per  
cent. cash and the balance in 10  
equal annual installments, with  
the present routes to be main-  
tained for five years. The other plan  
calls for an initial payment of 10  
per cent. and the balance in 10 or  
15 annual payments, with the  
lines to be maintained for at least  
three years. The best bid will be  
accepted irrespective of whether  
it is under one or the other plan.The lines to be sold are the  
American, Australian and Orient,  
the Oregon Oriental and the  
American Oriental Mail.Among passengers returning to  
the Colony by s.s. Morea due here  
on Thursday are Mr. and Mrs.  
Coysh, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hancock,  
Colonel and Mrs. McLaren, Sir  
Henry and Lady Pollock, Mr. and  
Mrs. J. Ralston, Mr. and Mrs.  
P. W. Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. C. J.  
Thompson, and Mr. T. Shewan.love of a good man is more pre-  
cious than expensive jewellery and  
gorgeous furs.Preparing for the part Gloria  
Swanson spent several strenuous  
days learning how shop girls in  
New York live. She worked for a  
day in one of New York's largest  
departments, rode in the subway,  
ate her meals in a boarding house  
and went through the general  
routine the average shop girl  
follows during the day.An excellent cast surrounds  
Gorgeous Gloria. Tom Moore  
gives an excellent portrayal of the  
poor mechanic, for whom Gloria  
renounces all worldly pleasures.

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## The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, DEC. 6, 1927.

## WORLD INDUSTRIAL UNREST.

There has been a great deal of reference in cable news, recently, to industrial unrest in many parts of the world. Of the bigger movements, only, is special notice required, for the present, but the evidence all points to restiveness on the part of workers, and the accumulation of problems for captains of industry to face in the not distant future. Apart from the Far Eastern outlook—such as the strike fever at Shanghai—which is almost entirely the work of revolutionary agitators, there is growing uncertainty about the labour situation in western countries. Britain wears an aspect of industrial peace on the surface, but it is becoming obvious that serious under-currents exist which will sooner or later seek an outlet, and the movement by employers towards a better understanding between masters and men is designed to avert this break. The coal mining industry is in a bad way, and there is nothing to prove that the promises of the optimists, that the year would see a remedy for the menace of continued unemployment, are likely to bear fruit. In certain directions, there is undoubtedly an improvement in the outlook, and some branches of industry in Britain have revived sufficiently to give rise to the hope that the bottom of the depression has been reached and passed. Yet, while the coal mines are experiencing a severe slump, and the miners are getting restless, it cannot be said that the million and more unemployed in the country do not constitute a constant reminder of what looks like becoming a permanent incubus, and a recurring tax on the exchequer. But until the new year dawns, it is perhaps premature to attempt an assessment of the general outlook so far as Britain is concerned.

If we glance abroad, there are three big issues in industrial unrest which claim the attention. One hears very little, ordinarily, about strikes in America; but there has been a serious upheaval in progress for some weeks in the Colorado mining belt. It was only when some of the miners actually rioted the other day, and were shot down by police, and troops were called out to maintain

order under martial law, that mention was made of the original trouble. That is one way of suppressing menacing industrial agitation—the use of the iron hand—and in this we see the necessity for firmness at times. Yet one can be permitted to query whether there will be any good in throttling unrest of what ever nature, when it only lies dormant, ready to boil up at a convenient moment. The case of the Australian waterside workers takes us to the opposite extreme, where men are given so free a hand in the conduct of strikes that they do things which would hardly be tolerated elsewhere. In the case of the waterside strikers, who are causing considerable damage through their holding up of shipping and commerce in general, the men have gone back on an arbitration award. It is apparently a way of getting the unsatisfactory decision of an arbitration body (from the men's point of view), set aside by degrees, through continuous agitation. It is also a means of doing much damage to the country. But that is a phase of its labour situation which Australia knows all about, owing to its frequency of occurrence. The latest reference to industrial unrest comes from Germany, where the workers are insisting on an eight-hour day, as decreed by statute, and also higher wages. The iron and steel industries, the ones affected, see the necessity for an increase of prices, and consequent loss of very important world markets, if these demands are to be satisfied; and this having been pointed out, a satisfactory arrangement with the men is expected. It seems as if the German worker is still sufficiently conscious of the need for a big national effort to promote commerce, to repair the losses of the war, as to accede to such appeals to his reason; but the time must come when postponed requests are translated into insistent demands, and strikes. It seems another instance of the vicious cycle of unrest in industrial realms—higher charges, greater living costs, and then more demands for higher wages. Meanwhile, truces are patched up, and the capitalists breathe a sigh of relief at having staved off another serious threat to industrial harmony; though they are all the time no nearer finding a satisfactory remedy.

## The Kuomintang.

Messages from Shanghai show that the preliminary conference of Kuomintang officials found it extremely difficult even to come to agreement regarding the matter to be dealt with by the Conference proper when, if ever, it assembles. This fact is due to what is evidently a very serious split in the Party, for the opposing elements have already come to grips on what, after all, appear rather trivial points. What will happen when it comes to discussing really vital matters may well be left to the imagination. The Left and the Right wings of the Party are now far apart than they have ever been, and where so many personal ambitions are at stake, it is hard to see how there can be any hopes of future solidarity. In the days when the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen was alive, and when the Party's influence was largely centred in the South, the Kuomintang was a more or less unified body, in which Party discipline was enforced and respected. Latterly, with the attempt to carry Party ideals into other parts of the country, there has made itself manifest a distinct rift amongst the leading officials, so that today the Party is all at sixes and sevens. This outcome would appear to have been an inevitable consequence of the death of Dr. Sun and the lack of some outstanding personality to take his place. The trouble with the Party now is that it has too many would-be masters. Further complications have been added from the fact that the Party headquarters have moved from the South, and it has become obvious that the effort to make the Kuomintang a National Party in more than name has utterly failed. Maybe this is all to the good of the country. Be that as it may, the fact remains that the Kuomintang is losing in power and influence as the result of the sharp divisions which have made themselves apparent in recent times.

## DAY BY DAY.

HE WHO IS MOST SLOW IN MAKING A PROMISE, IS THE MOST FAITHFUL IN THE PERFORMANCE OF IT.—Rousseau.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

The Ben Line s.s. Bendoran, from Home and Straits ports, is due here on the 12th instant.

H.M.S. Castor arrived from England this morning, with relief rank and ratings for the China Squadron.

A Chinese woman jumped overboard from the lower deck of the Golden Star while in midstream, at 4.30 yesterday afternoon. The would-be suicide was rescued and subsequently removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

In an altercation with another man, a shop-fork at No. 102, Des Voeux Road west was, yesterday, injured in the right wrist, through a cut inflicted with a chopper wielded by the other man. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Local vernacular newspapers state that the Chinese Chamber of Commerce has been unofficially asked by the management of the Hongkong Electric Company to supply copies of complaints which the Chamber may in future receive from the consumers of current.

The health return for last week shows three fatal Chinese cases of typhoid; three non-fatal occurrences of diphtheria (two Chinese and one British); and one fatal British case (imported) of cerebro-spinal fever. A rabid dog was also reported from the New Territories.

A customs notification states that as from to-day the Bank Buoy, a black conical buoy, will be established to mark the southern side of the Tungsho Channel, Yangtze River. From the position of the buoy, Fushan Pagoda will bear S. 79 W., magnetic, distant 5.1 miles.

The police yesterday effected the capture of an alleged thief, whom they produced before Major C. Wilson this morning and charged with the theft of a lady passenger's handbag, containing money amounting to nearly \$300, on board the O.S.K. Hoya Maru. The man was remanded.

In our report of the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Fete, yesterday, it was inadvertently stated that Madame Carreira d' Albuquerque was one of the organisation Secretaries. The correct name is Madame Carreira. The scrutineers of the Motor Car Draw, it should also be mentioned, included Mr. M. D. C. Hoare.

Subsequent to the dismissal of a fold from the A. Lung firm, at No. 19 Queen's Road Central, at the end of last month, it was found, according to a report made by the manager to the police yesterday, that he had collected \$231 from time to time from various customers and had failed to turn it over to the shop.

To-day's Observatory report states that a new anticyclone has formed over China. The typhoon is about 500 miles east of Coochin China, moving westward. Fresh to strong monsoon may be expected along the coast of China and over the North China Sea, with cyclonic gales over the South China Sea. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is: North-east winds, fresh, cloudy.

A thief has stolen \$85 from Miss Doyle, a nurse of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, who is staying at quarters established at No. 108, Kowloon Tong. From a report made to the police yesterday, it appears that the thief must have profited from Miss Doyle's short absence, last evening, to enter her bedroom through a back window, and to steal the money from a drawer.

## EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Dec. 5.
Paris	124
New York	48 3/4
Brussels	34 88 1/2
Geneva	25 30
Amsterdam	12 07 1/2
Milan	89 50
Berlin	20 42
Stockholm	18 68
Copenhagen	18 20
Oslo	18 34
Vienne	34 61
Prague	164 4
Helsingfors	193 3
Madrid	20 62 1/2
Lisbon	2 7 1/2
Athens	369
Bucharest	709
Rio	5 7 1/2
Buenos Aires	47 7 1/2
Bombay	1 1/6 1/10
Shanghai	2 7
Hongkong	2 0 1/4
Yokohama	1 1/10 17 3/4
Silver (spot)	28 15 1/8
Silver (forward)	28 5 1/2

British Wireless.

## HELPING THE BLIND GIRLS.

## SALE OF WORK FOR KOWLOON HOME.

There was a first-class array of articles for purchase at the annual sale of work, held at the Helena May Institute this morning, on behalf of the Blind Home, Kowloon City Road, Kowloon. The event was organised by Miss K. Beswick, Superintendent of the Home, assisted by Mrs. J. R. Wood, and Mrs. W. T. Featherstone Hon. Sec. of the Cathedral Women's Guild and promises in every way to be a success.

The sale was declared open this morning by Mrs. J. R. Wood, who remarked on the fact that the work was carried on in a beautiful home situated on the top of a hill on the way to Kowloon City, and housed 51 blind girls whose ages ranged from 16 to 19 years. Miss Beswick, continued Mrs. Wood, is the only European in the Home and she has two Chinese assistants, one of whom coaches the girls in knitting while the other is the Matron. Most of the girls worked at knitting, but those who were not able to knit did the house work. They could see for themselves, if they glanced at the numerous articles laid out for purchase, the wonderful work the girls did. Mrs. Wood emphasised that by their own knitting they supported themselves and were able to meet two-thirds of the expense of their support, which she thought, was very creditable. They did not live on charity and Mrs. Wood expressed the opinion that it was up to their supporters to back the girls up by buying the goods.

Continuing, she said she was at the Home when there was a water shortage and she saw two of the girls walking down a path carrying water. They were laughing and quite happy. They were absolutely footsure and showed no signs of stumbling. "It was really wonderful to see them," she added.

Referring to the sale, Mrs. Wood said that buyers would find that the patterns and designs this year were even better than last year, but if anyone found anything they wanted to buy but did not like the colour, style, or if it did not fit, if they approached Miss Beswick she would get articles made to order.

In conclusion Mrs. Wood appealed for help with regard to ideas. Miss Beswick, she said, would be glad to hear from anybody who had ideas with regard to patterns and colours, as such assistance would help the sale of the goods.

The Rev. H. Copley Moyle then said a prayer.

The sale will be open until six o'clock this evening, and those who are able to go should make a point of securing some of the real bargains, that are being offered at very reasonable prices. On the stalls are laid out socks, shawls, jersey suits, cardigans, jumpers, complete outfits of babies' clothes, dressed dolls, tennis nets and hampers. These latter are a new departure and there are a number of excellent rugs in pleasing colours going cheap. It is to be noted that all the goods are made by the blind girls themselves.

Ladies assisting at the stalls are Mesdames Jackman, Goldsmith, Murray, Pope, Hynes, Featherstone, Hayley Bell, Redmond, Wood, Austin, de Rome, Shellhear, Jackson, Nisbet, Hopper, Loseby, Brindley, and Carothers.

Tea can be obtained at a small cost, the arrangements being under the direction of Mrs. Grimble, Mrs. Jackman, and Mrs. Wright.

## A "SCOUNDREL."

## MAGISTRATE'S REPROOF TO THIEF.

Giving evidence at the Central Police Court this morning in a case in which he charged his second house-boy with the theft of a one-dollar note, Mr. A. M. Thornhill, Manager of the Soldiers' Club at Queen's Road East, said that, having previously missed large sums of money, he decided to lay a trap.

Before going into the bathroom in his quarters above the Club yesterday, he noted the numbers on five one-dollar bills and left these in the pocket of his trousers, in the bedroom. On returning, a few minutes later, he found that one of the notes had disappeared, and immediately went to the kitchen, where he searched the "boy" and found the missing note in his breast-pocket.

The accused, replying to Mr. R. E. Lindsell, said that the note in question was handed to him by Mr. Thornhill's daughter with the request that it be changed for her.

Other questions by the Bench elicited contradictory replies, and in the end his Worship ejaculated:—"Miserable scoundrel."

"How long has the fellow been with you?" his Worship asked Mr. Thornhill.

Mr. Thornhill.—Five months.

His Worship, to accused:—You take three months' hard labour.

## The Very Idea!

In a village off the beaten track a weather-tanned old countryman underwent a minor operation. The stitches were put in wrongly, and the patient had to be chloroformed again to have them taken out. When he revived the second time he said, "Is it all right?" "I think so," said the doctor. "If there's any doubt," said the countryman, "put buttons on me."

A microscopic photograph so small that three hundred reproductions of it would only occupy the space of an ordinary pin-head has been stolen from the exhibition of the Royal Photographic Society at Russell-square, London. The photograph is mounted on a slide, and is so small that it cannot be seen by the naked eye.

Barrister to Dulston man at Shoreditch County Court: I suggest this accident was a trivial one. Man: How many legs do you have to lose before it is serious?

Man at Shoreditch County Court, asked why he had not paid a debt: I have not been able to. My wife decides what I spend.

Woman at Tottenham said that when a man attacked her she picked up a bucket to defend herself. Solicitor: Did he kick the bucket? Woman: Of course not, or I should not have been able to summon him.

A unique birthday celebration was held at the Grafton Hospital Brisbane recently, when four members of one family, two sons and two daughters, met to wish each other "many happy returns of the day." The singular feature about the celebration was the fact that the four recipients of the birthday greetings were born on the same day of the same month, namely October 7. The ages in each case were separated by two years. Strange to say, a niece, the daughter of the eldest son, now deceased, was also born on October 7. Probably this is the only case of its kind in Australia. The principals in this story are members of the Wicks family of South Grafton. Sidney Wicks was born on October 7, 1866; Ernest Albert Wicks, of Grafton, October 7, 1868; Mrs. J. Stevens, Grafton, October 7, 1870; and Mrs. W. Layton, South Grafton, October 7, 1872. On September 13 last Mr. Sidney Wicks met with a serious accident, and sustained injuries which necessitated his removal to the Grafton Hospital. The quadruple birthday was celebrated at the institution. The above four persons belong to a family of 10, being the issue of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wicks, of Ryde.

The Doughboys are the flour of America.—Lady Spencer Churchill. I always hold up America as the ideal to my friends in the East End.—Col. John Dodge.

We live at a time when man's mechanical progress has outrun his moral progress.—Bishop of Winchester.

The ship of peace is really on the sea of reality, and the port of security is in sight.—Dame Edith Lytton.

Guide—"This, ladies and gentlemen, is the greatest catarrh in the country, and if the ladies will only be silent for a moment you will hear the thunder of the waters."

Greyhounds at Harringay Park raced after an illuminated hare, a light being placed on the front to make it more easily visible in the fog.

In one race, only the start and finish could be seen from the stands, the greyhounds disappearing in the fog and suddenly reappearing fifty yards from home.

Racing was interrupted for nearly an hour owing to mechanical difficulties with the hare.

A schoolboy "howler" from an essay on the Normans:—"King William had a New Forest maid, and he killed everyone who chased his dear."

The verger of a little country church was showing a party of visitors round. They ascended to the belfry.

"Now this 'ere bell," said the verger proudly—"a bit remarkable this bell is. It is only rung on the occasion of a visit from the bishop, a fire, a flood, or any other such calamity!"

## MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

S.S. "Corby Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from Honolulu on the 26th Nov. and is due in Manila on Jan. 1st.

S.S. "Bowes Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on Nov. 26th and is due here on the 22nd Jan., 1928.

M.V. "Remo" (D. & Co.) sailed from Singapore on the 2nd inst. and is expected here on the 8th inst.

M.V. "Viminale" (D. & Co.) sailed from Aden on the 6th inst. and is due here on the 5th Jan., 1928.

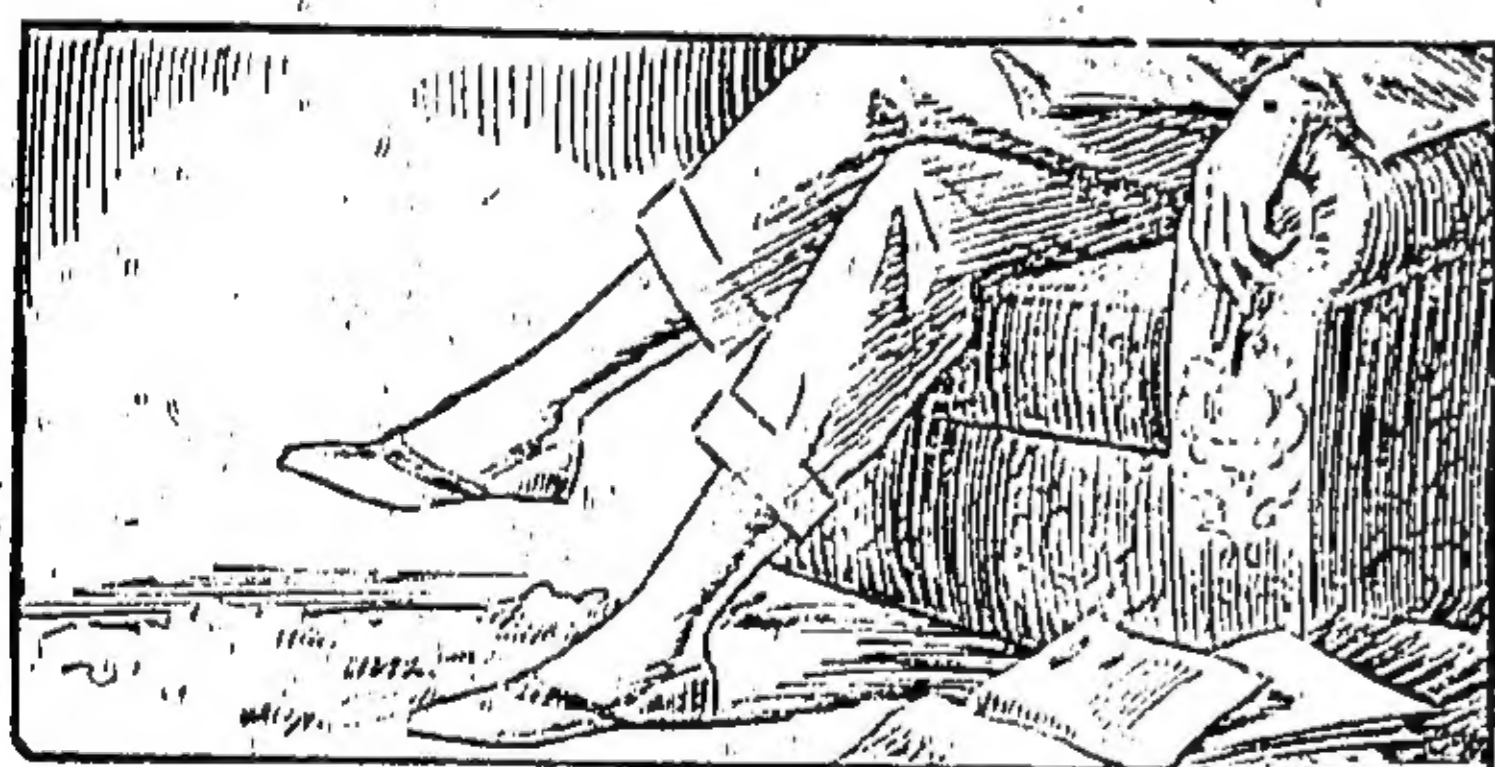
S.S. "Calulu" (D. & Co.) sailed from Rabaul on the 30th Nov. and is due here on the 18th Dec.

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## NEW TERRITORIES SHOW.

ATTRACTIVE EXHIBITS TO BE ON VIEW.

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Some remarkably fine exhibits of cotton grown in the New Territories and excellent specimen containers of wood oil, will be among the features of much more than ordinary interest at the Agricultural Show to be opened at Sheung Shui to-morrow. It is the first show of the kind ever held in the New Territories, and though the primary aim of the organisers is the instructional value from the point of view of the farmers, the general visitor will find much to attract.

Particularly interesting should be the exhibition of vegetables. Over 200 entries have been received from farmers in every district of the New Territories, the quality being such as to encourage further development of the Colony's resources. While Shatin rice will probably carry off the honours in the rice section, there are many excellent quality exhibits.

In the live-stock section, fowls of American and English strain are represented, amateurs being well to the fore, while the Poultry Specialty Company are presenting a particularly fine collection. A Scandinavian Landrace sow directly imported by the H. A. Rodgers, and a Yorkshire sow with litter, owned by Mr. Leo D'Almada's Castro, will be a special feature of the pig classes, though they are not for competition.

## Modern Methods.

Farming methods on modern lines will be demonstrated by the local agents of the Fordson tractor on a plot of land granted for the purpose, and of further educational value to the farmers will be the films to be exhibited by the good offices of Mr. H. W. Ray, of the Hongkong Amusements. The films include an exhibition of scientific poultry-farming methods, and agricultural development on modern lines with modern implements.

One or two comedies will be interspersed in order to avoid monotony, but in addition there will be films provided by Messrs. Brunner Mond and Co., of considerable agricultural interest.

It may be of importance to intending visitors to note that railway accommodation for over 300 school-children has been applied for up to the present, but the K.C.R. is making special efforts to cope with the increased traffic.

Special prizes have been offered for competition by H.E. the Governor, (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) and the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.

H.E. the Governor will perform the opening ceremony at 2.30 p.m.

## RUBBER AND TIN.

## DIVIDENDS AND SHARE PRICES.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have been advised of the following dividends and quotations on rubber and mining shares:

## Quotations.

Allenby's	\$3.00
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Glencaly	3.00
Jinhu	2.75
Kedahs	4.20
Malaka Pindas	2.55
Pajams	2.80

## Dividends.

Kuala Sidams, 5% 2nd Int.	
Batu Bintang, 7 1/2% Final.	
Lahat Mines, 5% Int.	
London Asiatic, 10% Int.	
Chimpul, 10% Final.	
Singapore United, 7 1/2% Final.	
(15% in all.)	

## ANOTHER COMITADJI OUTRAGE.

## BOMBS AND BULLETS IN THE BALKANS.

Belgrade, Dec. 5.

One woman and one child were killed, and several civilians and police were wounded, in an outrage by comitadjis at Strumitsa yesterday evening, when a bomb exploded in front of a hotel in the centre of the town.

The comitadjis then poured bullets into the fleeing passers-by.

A police patrol hurried up, and the comitadjis bolted, but ran into the arms of another patrol, and when their capture appeared inevitable, the comitadjis flung other bombs, severely wounding the officer in charge, and two gendarmes. After this the mercenaries escaped in the fog and darkness.—*Reuter*.

Lost in the retreat from Mons, the drum of the 2nd Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders has been returned by Herr Eiffe, of Hamburg, who, on seeing the "Mons" film in London, decided to hand it back to the battalion.

## LOCAL MOTORISTS IN COURT.

THIS MORNING'S BATCH OF SUMMONSES.

## POLICE OFFICER'S ESCAPE.

The weekly summonses against traffic offenders were heard this morning before Major C. Willson.

Mr. C. Chon, owner of car No. 1858, was summoned for negligent driving on November 28th in Robinson Road. Defendant pleaded guilty.

Sergeant Saunders, prosecuting, said that at 9.40 a.m. he was walking along Robinson Road with his wife. Near Mosque Junction they heard the sound of a car coming from a westerly direction and the Sergeant could judge by the sound that the machine was being driven at a terrific pace. He told his wife to jump for the footpath and did the same himself. A couple of seconds later, a two-seater Fiat "screamed" past them. The car came within a yard of the footpath and the Sergeant added that had he not jumped out of the way in time, he and his wife would have been killed, as there was no chance of escaping.

A fine of \$15 was imposed.

## Motor Cyclist Fined.

Mr. A. Brailsford, of the P.V.D., was summoned for dangerously driving his motor cycle on November 25th.

Sergeant Baker, prosecuting, said the defendant drove at a speed of thirty miles per hour between Stubbs Road and Arsenal Street, and at 25 miles per hour between Arsenal Street and Murray Barracks. When the witness stopped defendant, the latter apologised and said he was sorry.

Major Willson imposed a penalty of \$10.

## Chauffeur Fined.

The chauffeur of public car No. 382 was summoned for speeding in Aberdeen on November 24th. Sergeant Hopkins stated that he observed the defendant driving at 23 to 24 miles per hour. Witness was with the Flying Squad at the time and saw defendant enter the control area at Aberdeen, without reducing his speed.

His Worship fined the defendant \$15.

## Inspector's Escape.

On Saturday November 26th, when special traffic control was introduced at Happy Valley, owing to the Extra Race Meeting, Inspector Alexander had a narrow escape from serious injuries. He was driving a motor cycle combination with Inspector MacDonald, of the No. 2 Police Station, in the side car, when, at the junction of Tin Lok Lane and Wanchai Road, motor car No. 189 came bearing round the corner on the wrong side of the road. The Inspector's presence of mind only averted a crash. He promptly drove into the side channel and as the driver of car No. 189 passed him, he looked back to see if the Inspector was all right.

Summoned before Major Willson this morning, the chauffeur of car No. 189 pleaded guilty and was fined \$20. His record showed that he had been fined on four previous occasions this year.

Another chauffeur was summoned for driving at thirty miles an hour in Wong Nei Chong Road on November 26th, the race day. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$15.

## U.S. MAILS INCREASE IN VOLUME.

## OVERSEAS CARRIAGE BY AIR CONSIDERED.

Washington, Dec. 5.

The Postmaster General in his annual report asks for authority to make four-year contracts for the transportation of mails overseas by air.

He says that his department is ready to inaugurate such a service immediately overseas air transportation has been demonstrated as practicable and safe. He does not indicate whether the contracts would be restricted to American aviation enterprise.

The report shows that over \$712,000,000 was expended on the American postal service last year. The receipts exceeded \$683,000,000, the deficit being \$29,000,000 less than the previous year.

The parcel post packages to foreign countries increased by nearly 11 per cent. in the total weight, which was over 43,000,000 lbs.

The foreign mails increased by nearly 10 per cent., with American ships carrying 62 per cent.

Efforts are being made to extend the privilege of the special delivery service to foreign countries, 29 of which are at present receiving articles by means of this service.—*Reuter's American Service*.

## SHANGHAI FIRE.

BIGGEST BLAZE OF RECENT YEARS.

T.L.S. 3,000,000 DAMAGE.

The largest Shanghai fire in recent years, the conflagration involving the greatest loss since the fire in North Soochow Road, broke out on Thursday evening in the Chang Fong Mill, 4 Ichang Road, and completely gutted the two largest buildings, one of which is quite modern, destroyed a smaller building, burned several piles of grain and involved the greater majority of the company's property.

When the first word was received of the fire, Bubbling Well and Sinzi Divisions of the Shanghai Fire Brigade turned out in full strength, but it was seen, however, that they had no chance and a general alarm, which brought out every releasable machine and man, was given.

The mill was at some distance from the main fire hydrant and long lines of hose had to be run before an effective jet could be maintained. Other engines put their suction nozzles into an adjacent creek and augmented the supply. The full strength of more than half a dozen engines could do nothing to impede the progress of the flames.

## Was It An Explosion?

Two of the main buildings in the compound are adjoining each other and are set at right angles to the newest unit of the plant. Between them were several large huts, filled with grain, while on the opposite side of the large building and, away from the seat of the fire were 28,000 bags of grain. The fire started in what is called the Number One mill. Just what happened is unknown but a fairly authentic report has it that the engineers were starting the machinery. The theory is advanced, that electric sparks exploded some of the inflammable dust which is always in the air in a mill.

Within a few minutes, the building was a roaring mass of flame. The wooden chutes used in transporting grain and flour, and the wooden elevators provided an excellent draught and the flames shot from floor to floor without impediment. Fortunately for the management, two police officers, who got inside the small two-storied cleaning mill, beside the one in which the fire started, closed a fire safety door, and, although blazing embers were banked against it, it held high, the door withstood all fire and prevented the smaller building from burning. Strange, too, although the one side of the door had an unbearable temperature, the other side was cool to the touch.

The flames from this building shot to a smaller building on the right and, within a few minutes, it was a mass of flame.

## The Outbreak Spreads.

The heat was terrific and, within a few minutes, the flames had eaten through the roof. Broken windows below, and the open roof above, made a tremendous forced draught and, almost in shorter time than it takes to tell, there was fire in every portion of the building. The firemen worked their way to lower structures on the sides and, although using the strongest jets available, which they poured in from these points of vantage, they were able to produce no effect whatsoever upon the flames. The third floor, upon which the fire started, soon gave way, then the next one above and, finally, about nine o'clock, the roof crashed in with a roar which was heard throughout the neighbourhood. A shower of sparks went up which threatened to set the adjoining house on fire, but vigilance on the part of volunteer firemen and Chinese who had not lost their heads prevented this.

About 20 minutes later, the side wall and one of the end walls crashed in and, for the moment, the firemen were handicapped, because their position became untenable. They had to desert the building on the windward side which they had used, despite the tremendous heat.

With the crash of this building, burning embers flew on to the piles of grain below and the added heat smashed the modern wire windows of the unit adjacent. Flames leaped across and the Brigade then was confronted with a still worse situation.

The French volunteers with their brass helmets appeared on the scene and did all they could to assist the Settlement brigade, Capt. Dyson, gladly accepting their proffered aid. New lines had to be run and the firemen worked their way around behind. From the opposite end, other detachments assumed positions where it seemed as they would be of some value.

Early on Friday morning, the fire had been got under control but the majority of the brigade remained throughout the night busily at work, dampening down.

## SALTS FROM THE DEAD SEA.

MORE QUERIES IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

A FRONTIER INVOLVED.

London, Dec. 5.

Questions were again asked in the House of Commons regarding concessions for the Dead Sea minerals.

Mr. W. Ormsby Gore said that negotiations were proceeding on behalf of the Palestinian and Trans-Jordanian Governments with a view to safeguarding the interests of those Governments in any concessions which would be granted.

The question of possible relations with the German monopoly would be borne in mind. He would like to point out that there had been so much exaggeration as to the deposits, that he must enter a word of caution with regard to them. They were not only potash.

In regard to the position of the Trans-Jordanian Government in the matter, Mr. Ormsby Gore said the Trans-Jordanian Government was a government of a mandatory territory, and its life had to be preserved. He understood the theory was that the frontier between Palestine and Trans-Jordan ran somewhere down the middle of the Dead Sea.

Asked whether negotiations for the concession had been undertaken with Mr. Novomeysky and Major Tullock, Mr. Ormsby Gore replied that negotiations were proceeding with these gentlemen jointly. Mr. Novomeysky was an engineer with local experience, and also with experience in the separation of mineral salts by evaporation. He had for some time past been carrying out experiments on the shores of the Dead Sea.—*British Wireless*.

## JAPANESE TRADE IN EAST AFRICA.

QUESTION OF BRITISH INTERESTS.

London, Dec. 5.

The Colonial Under Secretary was asked in the House of Commons whether he was aware that an economic commission appointed by the Japanese Government had recently visited Kenya and Uganda, with the object of extending Japanese trade in those colonies, and having regard to the loan commitments of this country, whether he will devise measures to safeguard the British export trade to East Africa against the competition of Japan and other countries.

Mr. Ormsby Gore replied that he was aware of the Japanese commission having visited Kenya and Uganda. The British Government were anxious to foster the British export trade to the territories concerned, but it must be borne in mind that it would be inconsistent with international treaties to extend any preferential treatment to goods of British origin imported into those territories.—*British Wireless*.

## TRAFFIC IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

LEAGUE REPORT TO BE PUBLISHED.

Geneva, Dec. 5.

The League of Nations Council, in a public sitting, under the presidency of Mr. Chang Lo, has agreed to a motion by Sir Austen Chamberlain to publish the revised version of the second report of the special commission on the traffic in women and children, which hitherto had not been published in order to give the interested Governments an opportunity of making observations thereon, which will be published along with the report.

The Council then adjourned, until December 6.—*Reuter*.

## HOW PROHIBITION IS WORKING.

HUGE TOTAL OF FINES AND GAOL SENTENCES.

New York, Dec. 5.

The astounding fact that over \$8,400,000 has been paid in fines for infringements of the prohibition law, is revealed in statistics published by the Department of Justice.

They also show that since the law has been enforced there have been 223,000 convictions, and the gaol sentences aggregate 22,500 years, while during the last fiscal year 8,412 permanent injunctions were enforced, representing the closing of property for from three months to a year.—*Reuter's American Service*.

## ATTEMPT TO EXTORT MONEY.

SANITARY DEPARTMENT COOLIES SENTENCED.

THREAT OF JEYES FLUID.

A coolie employed by the Sanitary Department was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, with demanding money with menaces from hawkers in Cross Street on November 28. Mr. W. D. Owen prosecuted for the hawkers, and Mr. Leo D'Almada defended. Detective Sgt. MacTernan was present for the police.

From the evidence, it appears that the stalls are located under verandahs and it is alleged the defendant approached about 60 stall holders and demanded 10 cents from each, threatening that otherwise, when the houses were cleaned by the Sanitary Department the next day, their stalls would be swamped with Jeves fluid and water. Some of the hawkers paid up.

When a number of witnesses had been called, Mr. D'Almada said he had just been informed of a book in possession of the prosecution containing the numbers of the stalls. His defence had been that there were no menaces, but in view of that book he asked for an adjournment of a few minutes to consult the defendant with the object of bringing in a different plea.

This was granted, Mr. Lindsell remarking that Mr. D'Almada had an overwhelming case to answer.

## An Admission.

When the court resumed, Mr. D'Almada said the defendant now admitted quite frankly that he did ask for the money, but explained that it was done at the request of other sanitary coolies. It had been proved in evidence that the money went to the other coolies and not to the defendant, added Mr. D'Almada. The defendant had said that the occurrence was not uncommon, and he had been told that he was perfectly justified in asking for the money. He now, however, realised that it was not a correct thing to do. Counsel asked the Magistrate to take into consideration the working of the Chinese mind, saying that there were no menaces.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that the evidence showed distinctly that there were menaces. Quoting from the evidence he said, "Jeves fluid poured over your stall, and the hose turned on you."

Mr. D'Almada said all the defendant had told the stall holders was that no extra precaution would be taken unless they paid their ten cents, but the hawkers might have taken it in a different way. The defendant had been employed in the service since the strike, and nothing was known against him. If he had not been a Government servant he would not have been charged with the offence. He asked Mr. Lindsell to consider the option of a fine.

The defendant was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

The Empress of Russia left Shanghai at 6 a.m. to-day and is due at Hongkong on Thursday morning.

## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

## TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

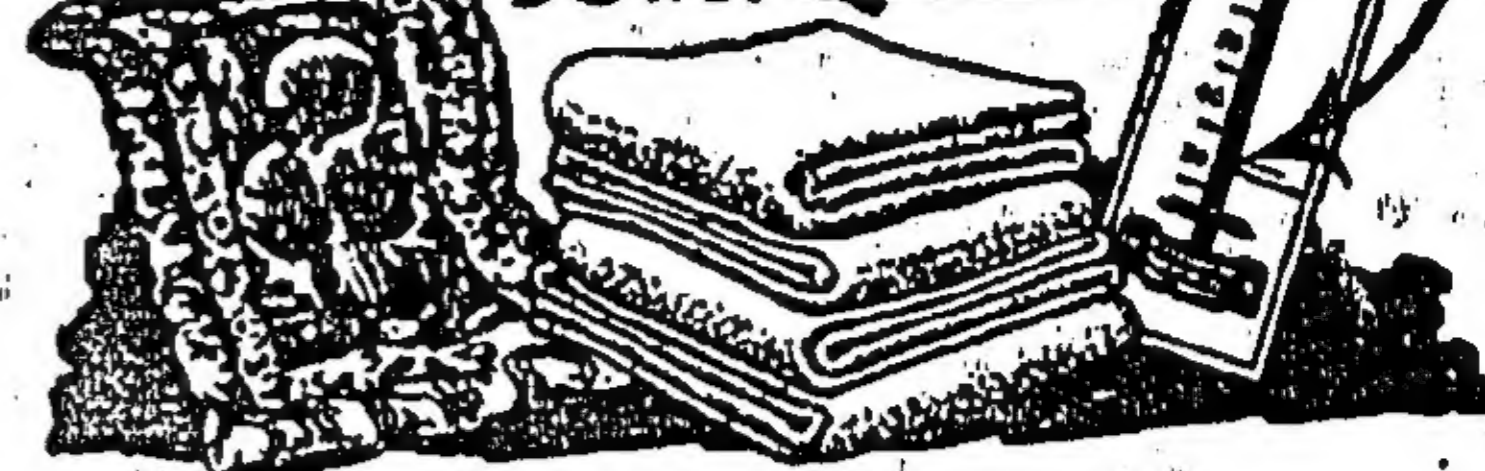
The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. Who is the present Dean of Westminster Abbey?
2. What king was murdered in Berkeley Castle?
3. Who wrote (a) "The Old Contemptibles," (b) "The First Hundred Thousand"?
4. Who wrote these poems: "To Autumn," "Hecateia," "To Helen," "Don Juan," "The Hound of Heaven"?
5. Why are swampy countries usually malarious?
6. For what British Royalty other than the King is a special Court Circular issued?
7. What do these American slang terms denote: (a) "yegs," (b) "dips," (c) "wop," (d) "wound"?
8. How many masts has (a) a schooner, (b) a ketch, (c) a sloop?
9. Who, in the Bible, begged for crumbs from the rich man's table? What is a viand?
10. With what nations are these musical instruments identified: (a) guitar, (b) bagpipes, (c) ukulele?
11. What organisations do these initials respectively stand for: B.E.C., H.B.C., N.S.P.C.C., Y.W.C.A., U.M.C.A.?

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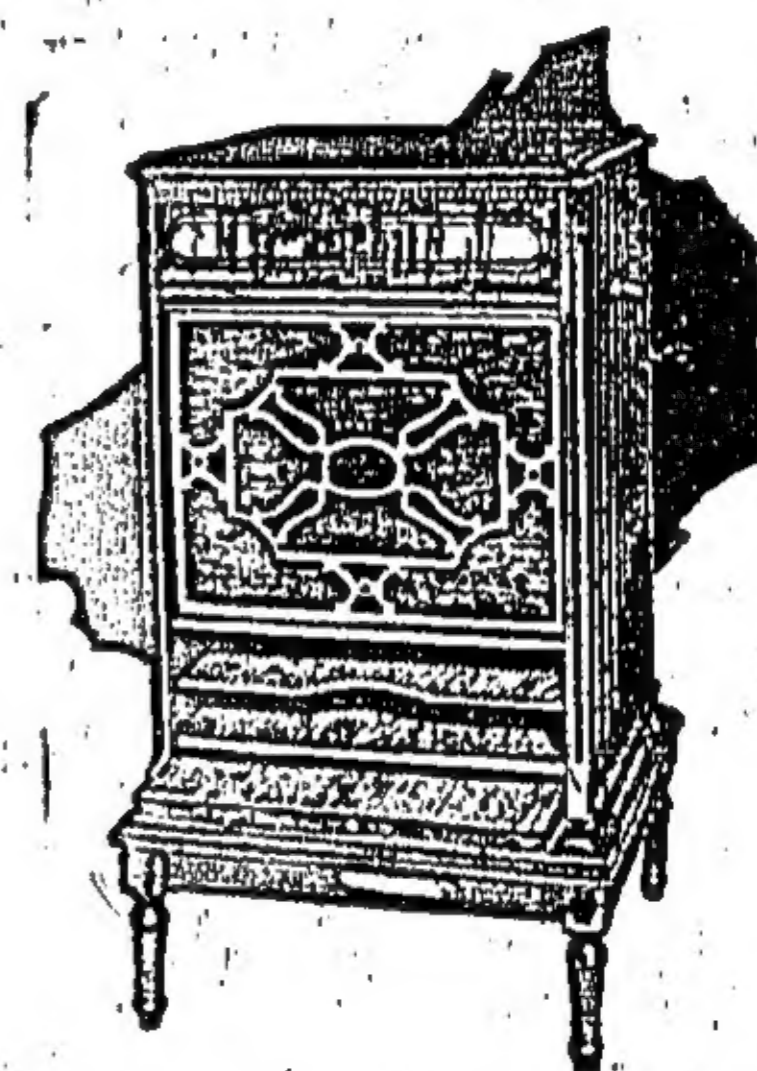
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### CRICKET NOTES.

[By "Looker On."]

A week ago to-day, the cricket dinner in honour of the visiting Interport teams was held at the Hongkong Club. It was a most enjoyable function, some of the speeches being very interesting and the musical and variety entertainment being of a very high order. That same evening and the following morning the two teams left for their respective homes, with the best wishes of all the cricket-loving public in the Colony.

As regards the criticisms passed at the dinner, by the Hongkong Captain, during his speech, on remarks in the Press concerning certain members of his team, I must say I entirely agree with what I read in a morning contemporary a days ago. If the Hongkong Captain was unable to produce any sounder reasons for the inclusion of certain men in our team against Malaya, I cannot help thinking that he would have done better to have made no reference at all to Press comments. Most of those who follow cricket in this Colony know what he said, so that I do not propose to make more than this passing reference. To say the least of it the reasons for the inclusion of those referred to were very weak.

And now a few final criticisms on our Selection Committee. In my notes some time ago, before the Interport matches, I said that three members should suffice. I also said that the leading Clubs in the Colony should be represented and that no-one who would be fighting for his place in the team should, unless absolutely necessary, be on it. Finally, I said that these Interport teams from Shanghai and Malaya came here to play Hongkong as a Colony and not only the Hongkong Cricket Club. Various reasons have been put forward as to why the "running of the show" should be entirely in the hands of the Hongkong Cricket Club, but I still fail to see why this should be so.

So for the future I suggest that the Selection Committee should consist of the duly appointed Captain of the side, a member of the Kowloon Cricket Club and a member of the Civil Service Cricket Club. If, by any chance, the Captain belonged to either of the last-named, then the third member should be a Hongkong C.C. man. But I am assuming, at that moment, that the Captain comes from the Hongkong C.C.

The three clubs mentioned above are the leading ones in the Colony. There seems no necessity for the Services to be represented. It is not their "show," but if by any chance one of the above three could be a Service man, as well as fulfilling the other condition, so much the better. And I consider that the three clubs mentioned above should insist upon having a say in the selection of the team for future Interport games.

There are few other matters cricket on which comment seems necessary this week. One or two league games were played last Saturday and have been fully reported elsewhere.

The death of Mrs. Rix, wife of the Malaya Interporter, was indeed a sad affair, and he has our deepest sympathy in his heavy bereavement.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 18 arrivals and 19 departures, of which five and seven respectively were British, leaving 63 vessels in harbour, British 23. Tonnage was high, but cargoes were not correspondingly so and although British vessels made the best inward registries, the through figures by nationality were below the 1,000-ton mark, by two ships.

Lord Dunsedin and Lord Shaw, both Scotsmen, were involved in an imaginary money transaction during the hearing of an insurance appeal case in the House of Lords.

Putting a point raised in an argument in a simple manner, Lord Dunsedin said: "Suppose I owed Lord Shaw £1 and I called at his house, and he being out, I said to his butler: 'You owe me 6s.' Here are 15s. You pay Lord Shaw £1. Would Lord Shaw afterwards be able to sue me for the 6s.?" Lord Shaw replied, smiling: "I should be content to get the 15s."

### OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

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The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English Cup matches (to be played on Saturday next, December 10th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

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The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

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Gillingham v	Southend U.
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### THE TAIKOO BOWLING GREEN SEASON.

SATURDAY'S PRIZE GIVING FUNCTION.

The official closing and distribution of prizes of the Taikoo Club Bowling Green for this season will take place on Saturday, 17th inst., at 3 p.m.

### HOME FOOTBALL.

THIRD DIVISION MATCH.

London, Dec. 5.  
In the Third Division (South) of the English League, Brentford, playing at Home, defeated Walsall by three goals to two.—*Reuter.*

### INFLUX OF CHINESE BANISHEES.

SEVEN ARRESTED SINCE YESTERDAY.

There has been a great influx of banishees returning to the Colony during the past two days. Since yesterday no fewer than seven arrests have been made of Chinese coming back to Hongkong before the completion of their terms of deportation.

A young Chinese who was arrested on a charge of picking the pocket of a compatriot was charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with larceny from the person and with returning from banishment.

Owing to the absence of the complainant, the first charge was withdrawn.

In reply to the count of returning from banishment, the defendant said that when he was deported he was not told the length of time he was to stay away from the Colony.

Sub-Inspector Vincent informed his Worship that all persons being banished were supplied with a duplicate copy of the warrant written in both English and Chinese. The warrant was also explained to them by an interpreter. They often, added the inspector, destroyed the warrant after they were banished.

It was mentioned that the defendant was the seventh person who had been arrested under the Deportation Ordinance since yesterday morning.

His Worship passed sentence of nine months' hard labour and twenty strokes of the birch.

When charged with returning from banishment yesterday, a Chinese, denied the charge and this morning Sub-Inspector Vincent gave evidence proving that the defendant's finger prints were identical with those of the warrant under which he had been banished for five years in August last. He was sentenced to one month's hard labour for theft on September 12, 1927.

In his written statement to the police, the defendant was said to have admitted the charge, but, when questioned by the Magistrate this morning, he denied making that statement, saying that he was instructed to sign his name to the characters which the interpreter had written. He himself could not read and merely copied his name from a piece of paper on which it had been written by the interpreter.

After the interpreter had given evidence proving that the statement was made voluntarily by the defendant, his Worship imposed sentence of nine months' hard labour and twenty strokes of the birch.

### IRAQ DESIRE TO JOIN THE LEAGUE.

AN ARRANGEMENT WITH BRITAIN.

London, Dec. 5.

Mr. W. Ormsby Gore, the Under Secretary for the Colonies, was asked in the House of Commons whether negotiations between the British and Iraq Governments, on the question of Iraq applying for membership of the League of Nations, were now terminated.

He replied that discussions which had been taking place with the King of Iraq in London, had been carried to a point at which satisfactory accord had been reached.

The Premier of Iraq, who had had to leave London some days ago, was now on his way back, and it was hoped that as soon as he returned, an agreement would be signed. Pending the signature, he could not furnish detailed information regarding the agreement.—*British Wireless.*

### "POPPY DAY."

HONGKONG'S EXCELLENT EFFORT.

The "Poppy Day" Sub-Committee of the Hongkong branch of the British Legion has remitted by T/T. to the Central Headquarters in London the sum of £1,750 (£=17,016.16) on account, as part result of the local drive made on Armistice Day.

This does not represent the total collection as a few amounts are still outstanding and it is hoped that a further remittance of about £150 will be despatched shortly.

When this has been done, a detailed statement will be issued.

### PASSENGER RETURNS.

LAST MONTH'S LOCAL FIGURES.

The official return of passengers arriving and departing for the month of November was issued yesterday by the Harbour Department, showing a preponderance of departures, amounting to nearly 4,000. Following are the figures:

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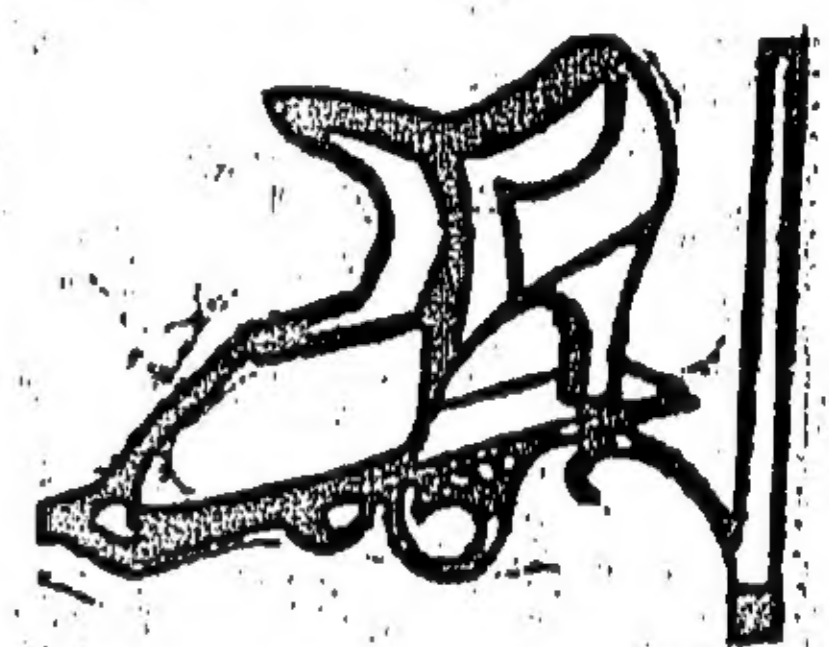


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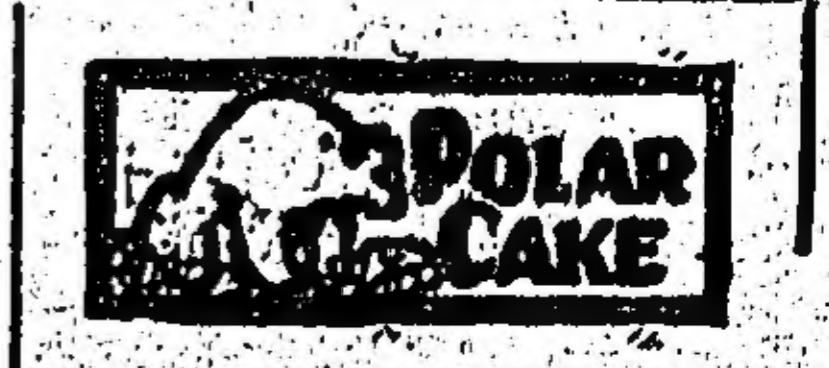
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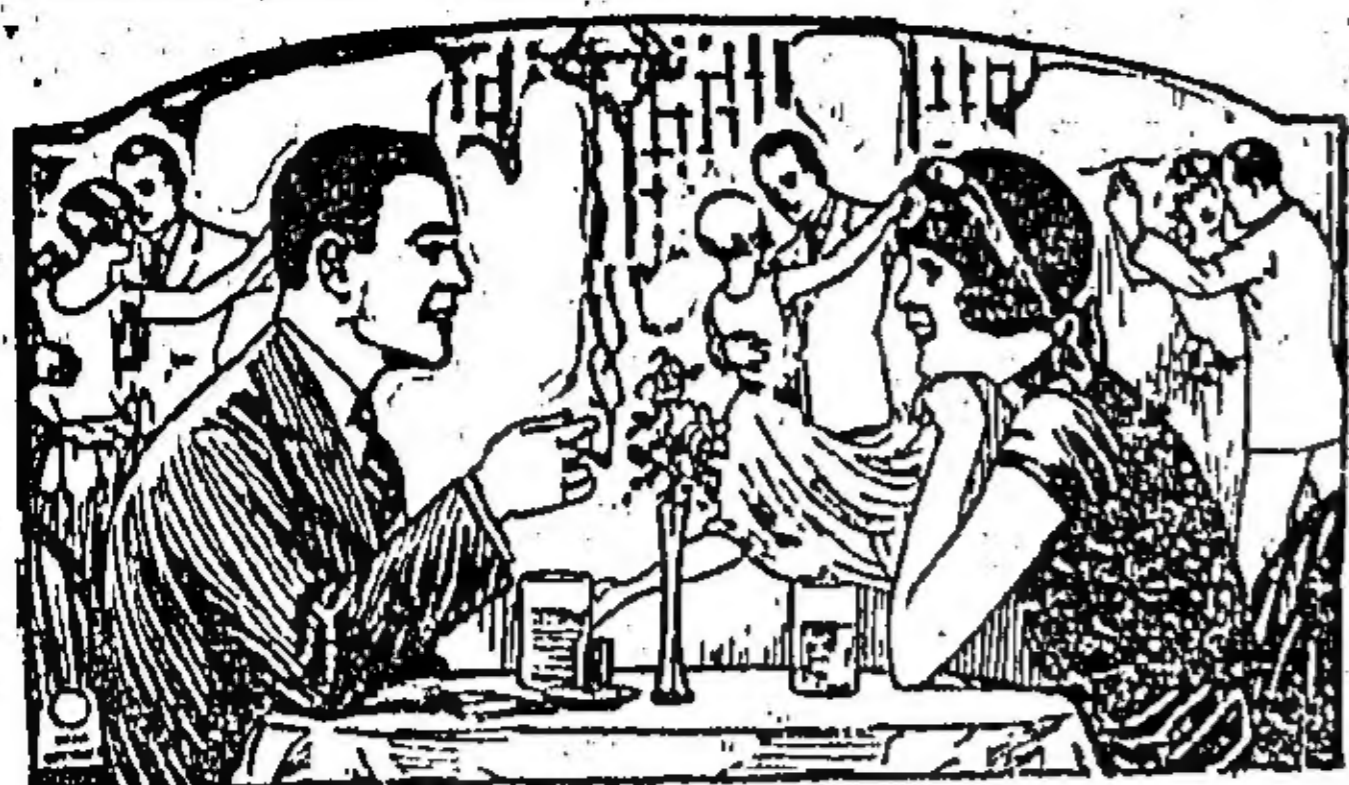
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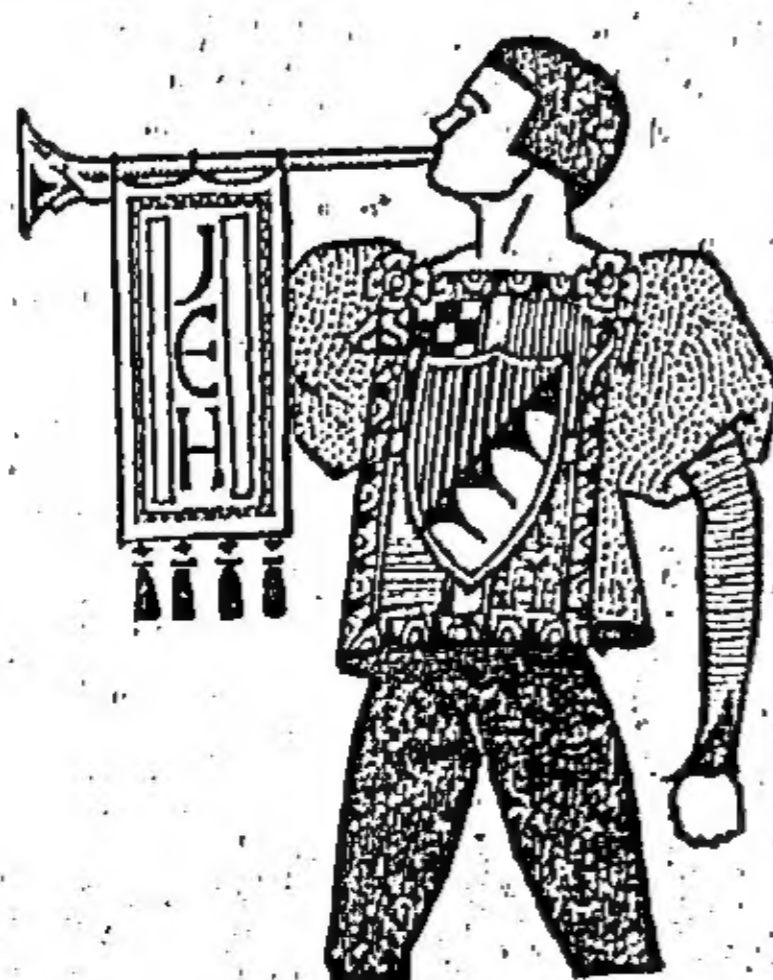
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## MERRIE ENGLAND.

### SPECTACULAR TREAT ON FRIDAY.

In view of the forthcoming production, by The Hongkong Philharmonic Society, of "Merrie England" next Friday, the following critique, culled from the *Times* of 3rd April, 1902, may be of interest to music-lovers.

Savoy Theatre.

"Merrie England," by the latest couple of Savoyards, Capt. Basil Hood and Mr. Edward German, was produced last night with a success and received, both in detail and as a whole, with a warmth of enthusiasm which could not but remind the "old guard" of the scenes of the first night of many an one of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas.

Opera comique it certainly is in many—nay, most—of the essentials, though it comes dangerously near in relationship to that hybrid form known at present in England as "comic opera." Indeed, on its title page it is so described; but in spite of this we prefer to regard it as belonging to the former category, which, it need hardly be said, is a very different thing from present day comic opera. The relationship hinted at is literary rather than musical—the music, one may at once explain, is pure opera comique, and that of a very high order. Not even Mr. Gilbert himself has succeeded more neatly in the "Paronomasia, play 'pon words" than Captain Hood.

Technically there is abundance in common between the systems of both librettists. But, whereas Mr. Gilbert wove the intricate web of his quips and cranks round at least the thread of a definite story, Captain Hood presents a series of pictures, very pretty and lively pictures—which, the intimately connected with each other, have together no very intimate connexion with anything in particular, beyond what is naturally inferred from describing England as "merrie" and sundry references to Robin Hood and Maid Marion.

The Dance.

In choosing the period of Good Queen Bess, of Raleigh and of Essex, the days associated in country life for some reason or other (perhaps for no reason) with the May Queen and the morris dance, Captain Hood has been well advised, as his coadjutor was to be Mr. Edward German, a past master in the art of morris and other dances.

Indeed, the leit motif of the opera is the dance. There is no getting away from it. Nor would one wish to do so, since, save for a slight tinge of monotony engendered by the too-frequent use of the same rhythm, Mr. Edward German has given of his best, and we all know how delightful his best is, and Captain Hood himself seems to revel in the period.

While making his Queen Elizabeth, Raleigh and Essex a dignified trio, he has succeeded in preventing them from becoming bores or detracting from the lightness and delicacy of the general scheme. He has created in Walter Wilkins and Silas Sinkins, players in Shakespeare's company, a pair of highly diverting mummerys. The former's "Alphabet" and his ingenuity in escaping from sundry awkward positions, his remarkable "fish" song,—one of the cleverest of its kind heard for many a day,—and a score of witty passages will all add to the gaiety of, at any rate, this nation.

"Very High Indeed."

Captain Hood has furnished plenty of opportunity for all of the principals, and Mr. German's score abundantly proves that on him has fallen the mantle of Sullivan. It may be argued that the rather strong suggestion of "Peer Gynt" in Bessie's pretty ballad, "She had a letter," or of "Hansel and Gretel" in "Cat, Cat, where have you been?" so prettily sung under the shade of Herne's Oak prove that Mr. German has not yet found himself.

But, against this may be cited the extreme ability and naturalness shown in the well-managed rhythm of Raleigh's song "That every Jack," with its chorus—a chorus that attains almost to greatness—in the whole of the ensemble, and in the brilliancy, delicacy and piquancy of the orchestration.

Among orchestral scores of recent years we should class Mr. German's very high indeed; but in invention he is best in the lyrical numbers, though exceptional praise is due to the quartet "In England, Merrie England," and to the many pretty and always effective dances. His music, of one except the march played on the entrance of Queen Elizabeth is quite free from commonplace, and a credit alike to him and to the English school.

Last night's success encourages the hope that a new spell of well-deserved prosperity is in store for the Savoy, so admirable is Mr. German's and Captain Hood's work, so sincere an attempt to rise above the conventional level.

The Present Production.

With regard to the present production it can fairly be said that

## AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

### PROGRAMME FOR THE OPENING DAY TO-MORROW.

The Committee has issued the programme for the opening day of the Agricultural Show, which will take place to-morrow, at 2.30 p.m. The Show will be continued on Thursday.

Judging will commence at 10.30 a.m. on the first day and is expected to be concluded by 12 o'clock (noon), when the grounds will be open to the public.

His Excellency the Governor, who will perform the opening ceremony, accompanied by his A.D.C., Capt. A. J. L. Whyte, and Mr. B. R. Forster, private secretary, will arrive at the exhibition ground at 2.30 p.m. Sir Cecil Clementi and party will be received at the entrance by the Chairman of the Committee (Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E.). Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin and Mr. Fung Kel-cheuk, representing the reception committee. The members of the general committee, among whom there are a large number of the village elders from every district in the New Territories, will then be introduced to His Excellency. Following the introduction, the Governor will be conducted to a platform in front of the exhibition building. The formal part of the proceedings will commence with a speech by the Rev. Wells, to which His Excellency will reply.

There will be a distribution of the Certificates of Honour to all who will participate in the Show. The Governor will then be conducted over the grounds for inspection of the exhibits which will be staged according to the classification in the respective sheds, of which there are five.

Among the exhibits not for competition there has been entered a directly imported Scandinavian Landrace Sow and fowls of American and English strain. Among the attractions of the exhibition will be a continuous cinema entertainment, for which the committee are indebted to the courtesy of Mr. H. W. Ray, general manager of the Hongkong Amusements Syndicate, Ltd.

Tea and refreshments will be served on the ground throughout the afternoon by the management of the Cafe Pavilion, at prices slightly above those in the city to cover transportation expenses, etc.

As will be seen from the advertisement columns, the Railway management has made a substantial reduction on the ordinary fares for the return journey to and from Sheung Shui. Visitors travelling by the 1.15 p.m. train from Kowloon will arrive at Sheung Shui in time for the opening ceremony. Return trains will leave Sheung Shui halt at 4.48 p.m. and 5.56 p.m. for Kowloon, the latter is the last train. Sailors and soldiers in uniform and school children will be admitted to the show free.

## OBITUARY.

### A POPULAR REVUE ACTRESS.

Washington, Dec. 5. The death, following an operation, is reported of Miss Lee White, the revue actress who toured the Dominions with Mr. Clay Smith after a series of successes in London.—*Reuter's American Service.*

neither trouble nor expense have been spared in order to give an operatic and spectacular treat that has never been equalled in the Colony. The full strength of the cast, chorus and orchestra exceeds 120, and under the able baton of Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earle, of the K.O.S.B. Band, the theatre-going and music-loving public may be assured of an evening well to be remembered.

It should be noted that owing to the length of the opera it has been decided to commence at 9 p.m. sharp, and as the introduction to the opera is short, and continues into the first chorus without any pause, it behoves patrons to be in their seats before that time.

Mention must also be made of the programme, which as usual with the Society, has special features including two pages of photographs, thus making it a souvenir well worth taking away with one, and in addition, as is the usual custom of the Society, it is given away.

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## CHAPTER XIV.

Mlle. Pregut left to find the Duchess, and another quarter of an hour elapsed. The expert could only guess the sort of consultation that was going on upstairs between mistress and maid. He was impatiently whirling his price-less repeater on the end of its shabby string when the door burst open and Captain Theobald rushed in.

"Dr. Tarleton, I must speak to you!" His excitement was such that the doctor nearly dropped his precious plaything. "Montacute's disappearance is in all the papers!"

"There will be more in the evening papers," Tarleton said sternly. "The body has been found and identified at Chiswick."

"Ah! I might have known that!" The confession seemed to escape him unawares.

Tarleton's manner increased in sternness.

"I see I was right in thinking you had a hand in the business. You had better be frank with me, Captain."

But the young officer did not seem at all taken aback.

"I'll be as frank as you like. If you will only deal with me fairly, doctor. Someone has been speaking to Rosu. Was it you?"

"I don't quite understand. I asked Lady Rosu a few questions about Montacute, but I have told her nothing."

"You haven't said anything to her about the murder? Nor about the arrows in my room?"

"Not one word," the expert assured him. "Why do you ask?"

"Because there's a change in her. She seems to avoid me. And she won't give me any explanation. She must have heard something against me from someone. It's fearful to think that she may suspect me of a crime!"

The investigator was puzzled, and showed it in his usual fashion by sounding the repeater in his ear. All at once its tinkle seemed to enlighten him.

"Perhaps I can throw some light on the situation," he said, slowly. "On the morning when I arrived to begin this inquiry I came upon Lady Rosu downstairs at a very early hour on the very spot where the body was found. She pretended to be looking for something, but when I afterwards asked her what she refused to explain, and showed some resentment. Is it possible that she was looking for you and that she had seen you and Burrows removing the body?"

Captain Theobald gave a gasp of dismay. The next moment he shook his head.

"I can't think that. Surely she would have spoken to me about it yesterday. It is only to-day that I have noticed the change in her."

"It is only to-day that she has seen the news in the paper of Montacute's disappearance—hush!"

The two men ceased speaking as Tarleton pointed to the door. It was opened almost immediately by Mademoiselle. "Her Grace is ready to receive you, sir."

The woman spoke with suppressed excitement, and there was a leaden light in her eyes that told the practised eye of the specialist that she had been dosing herself with some dangerous drug.

He turned to the wondering soldier. "I should like to have another chat with you, Captain. I am greatly interested in Nigema. In the meanwhile, I should advise you to let the matter rest."

Theobald gave a nod of intelligence, and the doctor went out of the room with Pregut.

It was with keen expectation that he followed her upstairs. At last he was to see the mistress of Trafford House, the woman whose presence had made itself felt at every stage of the investigation, but who had hitherto remained invisible. Her outer defence had been broken down at last, yet he felt far from confident as to the result of the impending interview.

Mademoiselle threw open the door of the room on the second floor which he had already been informed was the bedroom of the Duchess of Altringham. A heavy scent almost stifled him as he entered, and the thickly-shrouded windows made it difficult for him to see his way among the luxurious furniture which crowded the room.

The scene had been prepared with some art. The curtains of the magnificent four-post bedstead had been drawn back just far enough to give a view of the figure reclining against the heap of pillows deeply fringed with lace. The Duchess was without doubt a woman of striking beauty.

It was not difficult to believe her husband's romantic account of how he came to fall in love her. She did not appear to be more than twenty-five. Her face was almost angelic, save for the lips and chin, which were too sensuous for heavenly love. In the dusk her eyes seemed violet. She had used an invalid's privilege to let her long, dark hair stray unbound down the pillows; nevertheless, each curl was arranged with a grace that suggested something more than accident in the display. A jacket of pale yellow silk completed the picture of languishing charm.

Her Grace, who was raised almost into a sitting posture, turned her head slightly as the doctor approached, and her lips parted sufficiently to reveal a row of dazzling teeth. Her voice alone proved a disappointment. Although she spoke in low tones there was a touch of coarseness which did not accord with her present high rank.

"I am so sorry to receive you like this, Dr. Tarleton, but my nerves have gone to pieces this morning. Do, please, sit down."

Tarleton bowed as he complied. "I think I can guess what has upset you, Duchess. Can I speak to you in private?"

And he glanced at the Frenchwoman who was standing at the foot of the bed.

"I'm afraid I must ask you to let my maid stay in the room," the Duchess answered, positively. "Pregut is a very old friend of mine." Her tone seemed to add "which you are not."

Her Grace smothered the protest which rose to the doctor's lips by continuing: "And besides, she has something which she has promised to tell you."

The last statement was confirmed by a subdued groan from Mademoiselle.

Tarleton knitted his brows. However, he saw himself obliged to accept the conditions.

"Very well, ma'am. I suppose I am right in thinking that you have seen in the paper that the actor known as Edwin Montacute is missing."

"Hah!" The invalid drew in her breath sharply. "Why do you think that interests me, doctor?"

"Because I happen to know that Montacute's real name was Dunlop."

Again that sharp indrawing of the breath.

"And that being your own maiden name, coupled with other reasons, makes it probable that he was related to you."

Silence. The Duchess of Altringham merely raised her eyes to the face of her listening maid.

"If that is so, I am in a position to tell you what has become of him."

At last the artificial composure of the Duchess broke down. She sat up abruptly, disarranging the careful arrangement of her pillows.

"Become of him! What do you mean, doctor?"

The investigator sat back in his chair.

"You haven't answered me, ma'am. You haven't told me whether this man was a connexion of yours."

The invalid cast another glance at the lady's maid.

"Well, yes, doctor. I don't like admitting it, but he was a connexion."

"And yet you forbade him the house, I am told?"

The Duchess frowned angrily. "I had my reasons, sir, whoever told you. I wasn't proud of the connexion."

"Ah! In that case my news may not prove so distressing as I feared. Your relation has been found dead."

"Dead!" The exclamation appeared to be one of genuine surprise, not unmixed with satisfaction.

"Murdered," Tarleton went on. "Good heavens!" This time there was no mistaking the note of horror. "How? By whom?"

"Before I can answer these questions I have to ask if you were aware that the dead man was in the habit of coming to Trafford House secretly at night, and entering by means of a latchkey given him by your maid?"

The Duchess fell back on her pillows with an appealing look towards Mademoiselle Pregut. It was the Frenchwoman who answered.

"Her Grace knew nothing of it, sir. I am the only one to blame. I fulfil my promise to Madame by confessing that Monsieur Montacute was my lover."

(To be Continued.)

## RUSSIA'S PROPOSALS AT GENEVA.

## NOT BEING TAKEN SERIOUSLY.

London, Dec. 5. In the House of Commons, at question time, Mr. G. Locker Lampson stated in reply to a question that no notice of the terms of the Soviet proposals was given before the opening of the meeting of the preparatory committee at Geneva, and the British delegation consequently left England without any instructions on the subject.

Mr. Baldwin said that the Russian proposals did not appear to be regarded by the committee as a practical or helpful contribution to the problem, and accordingly there was no advantage in discussing them in the House of Commons. The time for a discussion of the proposals would obviously be when the disarmament conference met.—*Reuter*.

## TWO BOTTLES OF BRANDY.

## CHINESE WITH FORGED RECEIPT.

A charge of being in possession of two bottles of dutiable brandy in Austin Road was preferred against a Chinese before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning.

The defendant admitted possession and said the liquor was brought from Macao.

Sergeant Barnicle informed his Worship that when arrested the defendant said that the brandy had been purchased from a compradore's shop and produced a receipt for same. On enquiries at the shop, it was discovered that the receipt was forged. He then said that he had found the receipt.

A fine of \$20, or three weeks hard labour, was imposed.

## THE FUTURE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

## RETORT TO SENATOR QUEZON.

Chicago, Dec. 5. Senator Manuel Quezon, debating here to-day on the independence question with William S. Clow, Chicago business man and a member of the Chicago Foreign Relations Council, said, "For 300 years our people lived without the aid of the United States and I see no reason why we cannot live 300 years more without the protection of the United States."

To which Mr. Clow replied, "For 300 years your people lived in unkempt huts at the mercy of every army that happened along. The new Philippines enjoy healthful living conditions, and they manufacture and export merchandise that brings the prosperity of which you brag."

Mr. Clow suggested that Mr. Quezon might aid the Philippine cause by advocating a definite permanent relationship between the islands and the United States.

## CHINESE SCHEME TO ENTER U.S.

## POSE AS FILIPINOS.

What was believed to have been a part of a clever scheme to gain entry to the United States by Chinese immigrants has again been foiled by immigration officials on the Pacific coast, according to a brief report received in Manila.

The scheme was worked through the use of the immigrants of Filipino nationality, it was said. According to information, several Chinese were recently refused admission to the United States although they had informed the immigration officials that they were Filipinos. They were manifested on the papers of the ship on which they travelled as Filipinos, but on more detailed investigation, it was discovered that they were not natives of the Philippines, but of China.

The discovery was made last month.

The last performance has just taken place at Ryde, Isle of Wight, of an all-amateur film, "The Island of Romance," written, produced, and directed by Miss Edith A. Full, of Ryde. A cast of 500 people was drawn from all parts of the island, none of whom had ever before been in film work. Three clergymen and three ex-mayors of the island had roles to play, and the principals were a Cambridge undergraduate, Mr. R. L. Howland, and Miss Audrey Redstone. The main theme was a love story, but historical incidents connected with the island were introduced and enacted on the spots associated with them.

## GOLD FIND IN THE PHILIPPINES.

## BIG VEIN LOCATED NEAR BAGUIO.

## MINING CIRCLES EXCITED.

Baguio, Nov. 27.—Considerable excitement exists in Baguio mining circles over a new gold strike just made by H. H. (Blondy) Howard, an old-time mining prospector in Mountain province. The strike is located within 10 kilometers of Baguio and is said to be the largest vein of gold ever uncovered in the Philippines.

Business men of Manila and Baguio recently backed Howard with sufficient money for a thorough prospect of a location held by him for several years, but which he had never developed because of lack of funds. After receiving the financial aid needed and getting together twenty Igorotes and a stock of supplies, "Blondy" hiked for his location.

After being absent from the Mountain Capital only ten days, he returned with bags of ore samples and the report of his big strike.

The original claim was located on the bottom of a deep ravine, and it was while digging a trail down the mountain to facilitate transportation of supplies that the big vein was uncovered. The vein has been opened up for 50 feet and, according to various assays made, will average about \$40.00 to the ton.

## Not Exaggerated.

Manila, Dec. 5.—H. W. Russell, of the Texas Oil Company, representing Manila interests of the Gold Hill Mining Association, has just returned to the city from an inspection of the development work being conducted under the supervision of H. H. Howard on the new gold strike made near Baguio recently by the latter.

Mr. Russell is highly pleased with the prospect and considers the strike, as previously reported, not in the least exaggerated. He also states that money is available for carrying out the exploitation of the property as rapidly as possible.

A stockholder, on his return from a visit to the Balatoc Mining Company property, reports that "B" level cross cut to No. 4 lodge, although 300 feet distant from main lode, has cut new lode matter that shows free gold. Assay returns had not been received at the time of his departure from the mine but this new vein matter looks promising.

P. A. Gulick also reports that the Narba Mining Association has uncovered a cross lode on their property that is giving high assays. Work is progressing on the development of this new property under the supervision of S. J. Douglas, formerly of the Benguet Consolidated Mining Company.

There is more development work being carried on in the Benguet Mining District at present than at any previous time since American occupation. Those familiar with the field say there is a good opportunity for the profitable investment of Manila capital in mineral enterprises when intelligently conducted by experienced prospectors in this mining district, as is evidenced by the showing being made by the Gold Hill Mining Association and the Narba Mining Association.

The successful carrying out of a one hour and a half wireless telephone conversation between New York and London by 75 different people early one recent morning was described in a Post Office communication. The demonstration was made in connexion with the visit to New York of the delegates to the International Radio Conference at Washington. The conversation took place between 3 and 4 a.m. after commercial services had ceased. The call, if it had been a commercial one, would have cost, at \$5 a minute, \$250.

## LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is one solution to the puzzle on another page.

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## AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE.

## TWO PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD.

Washington, Nov. 28.

Two proposals for building up the American merchant marine were presented to President Coolidge by Senator Jones, who said that if American commerce is to be expanded the United States must provide more ships.

Senator Jones made known that he would re-introduce two bills he placed before congress last year, one to encourage private interests to build and operate ships under government subsidy and the other for the government to construct more ships and operate them. The senator said that one of the plans must be adopted, and that it was up to congress to make a choice.

President Coolidge has already indicated that he thought private capital should build the ships and that any form of government subsidy would have little chance of congressional approval.

A world train record was set up recently by Driver William Ward, of Crewe, who drove the Royal Scot express from London to Carlisle, a distance of 300 miles in 338 minutes, without an assistant driver. This is the first time the non-stop journey—which is the longest in the world—has been accomplished by a single driver.

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## JAPANESE PLANTS.

INTERESTING DEMONSTRATION AT HELENA MAY.

The history and origin of Ikebana (plant placing) was extensively dealt with by Mr. Murakami who in an introductory explanation of the various meanings and methods of correctly placing flowers, gave an address prior to a very interesting demonstration of "Japanese Flower Placing" by Mr. Sojun Wada at the Helena May Institute last evening.

Mr. Murakami traced the origin of the plants of Japan and explained in detail their fundamental principles and sentiments. To elucidate his explanations he made free use of a black board and by means of diagrams, gave his audience a vivid idea of the significance of flower placing in Japan.

There was a large number of members of the Institute present as well as several outsiders. Among the attendance were Lady Clementi, Sir Henry Gollan, Sir Joseph Kemp, Mr. Justice Wood, Mr. A. E. Wood, Mr. E. Ralphs and many others.

## Meaning of Ikebana.

Dealing with the meaning and usefulness of Ikebana he said that Ikebana literally meant the way and manner of putting plants, or vegetation with or without flowers in a living condition. It is an art to display or reflect intensively the beauty and joys of nature on a flower vase.

It helped people to appreciate the beauty of nature even though confined in a small and humble room; and it helped to keep the mind pure, calm, self-possessed and contented.

Flower placing, explained the speaker, is used not only for amusements or culture but also in conveying one's sentiments or ideas to others. In short, Ikebana is an art and an accomplishment for the people in Japan and is an etiquette in social life.

The speaker then went on to deal with the origin and history of Ikebana which he said was stated to have been originated in Japan more than 1,300 years ago, by Prince Shotoku.

Later a modification on Prince Shotoku's art was introduced in an Ikebana school following along Chinese theory. This particular style of the art was still being widely learned. Up to the ninth century, however, Ikebana was retained in the dedication and religion in service to the Buddha in the same manner that candles were lit and incense offered in respect of other religions. It was not until the tenth century that the art was introduced as an amusement and entertainment among the higher classes or in Court.

## Art Fostered.

During the following five centuries when there were internal struggles among the war lords Ikebana was, like every art in science of civilisation, left to the care of priests, Court nobles and the Imperial household.

## CHILD IMPROVEMENT.

STRONGER, TALLER AND BETTER NOURISHED.

London, Dec. 5. Sir George Newman, Chief Medical Officer of the Board of Education, in his annual report on conditions in British schools, declares that the English child is growing in stature and weight, and that the child of to-day is stronger, taller, heavier and better nourished than the child of 1907. He recommends a further provision of playing fields, the extension of infant welfare service, and teaching of hygiene in schools. —British Wireless.

The art was fostered and by the fifteenth century had reached a very successful stage and was just the same to-day. Minor details had been improved but the principle had been the same. Although Western civilisation had affected the Japanese for nearly a century yet Ikebana still retained its old and traditional influence. Even now it was deemed by the Japanese to be a culture or an accomplishment essential for ladies and helpful even to gentlemen.

It had nearly the same importance as the piano 'hild' to the Western World. There are many schools for the teaching of this art in Japan from the old and simple ones down to the latest and artificial ones. Although each school claimed that its style was the best, there was no fundamental difference in idea and principle but only in minor details.

The speaker then went on to explain the three fundamental principles of Ikebana and with the aid of a black board, illustrated the method of arranging plants after a special form. There were three principal forms of arranging them with certain specified distances between each plant.

Meanings and Sentiments. In selecting plants for conveying meanings and sentiments three kinds of branches were necessary: thick, long and in full bloom and half bloom and buds. In leaves there are young foliage, grown up leaves and the leaves which had faded in colour. In flowers there are bud, flower in half bloom, and flower in full bloom.

The speaker went on to explain in detail the art of presenting the plant, leaf or flower in a pure and clean form of beauty and yet retain as far as possible its natural state. He also referred to the utensils required for practising the art of Ikebana and also dealt with the significance of flower placing and illustrated by diagrams the method of arranging flowers in certain portions of Japanese houses.

Following Mr. Murakami's interesting introduction, Mr. Wada gave a demonstration on "Japanese Flower Placing" with the aid of vases and plants which he placed in various positions on the platform, each position portraying different meanings or sentiments. At the close thanks were rendered to both Mr. Murakami and Mr. Wada.

## EXCITING RESCUE.

CREW TOWED THREE MILES TO THE SHORE.

New York, Dec. 5. The Eastern states yesterday had their first taste of winter in the form of gales and high seas along the coast, and snowstorms.

A seventy mile an hour gale swept the Norwegian steamer Cibao and the Greek steamer Paraguay ashore on the North Carolina coast. Four men from the Paraguay were drowned but the remainder of the crews of both vessels were rescued.

The seas around the Cibao were so high that the rescuers were unable to approach the ship. The crew of 24 roped themselves together and jumped into the sea. The rescuers picked up the end of the rope and towed the men three miles to land. Eight of them were unconscious when they reached the shore but were revived. —Reuter's American Service.

## NEWLY WED INJURED.

PRINCE ZOUBOFF IN MOTOR CYCLE ACCIDENT.

Godesberg, Dec. 5. Prince Zoubkoff met with an accident to-day, while mounting his motorcycle. He was sent to hospital with internal and other injuries. —Reuter.

[Prince Zoubkoff, a Russian dancer, recently married Princess Victoria, a sister of the ex-Kaiser, at Bonn].

## FREE STATE LOAN.

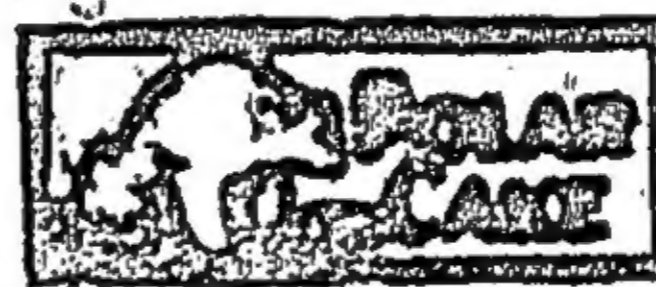
IRELAND BORROWS \$15,000,000.

New York, Dec. 5. The Irish Free State is appearing as a borrower in the American market for the first time to-day with an offer of a loan of \$15,000,000 at five per cent, issued at 97. 4,000,000 worth are also being issued in Ireland. —Reuter's American Service.

## QUAKE VICTIMS.

FOURTEEN NATIVES KILLED IN THE CELEBES.

The Hague, Dec. 5. Fourteen natives are reported to have been killed and fifty injured in earthquakes in the North West of the Celebes. Especially in Dongar and Paloe districts, there has been much damage. —Reuter.



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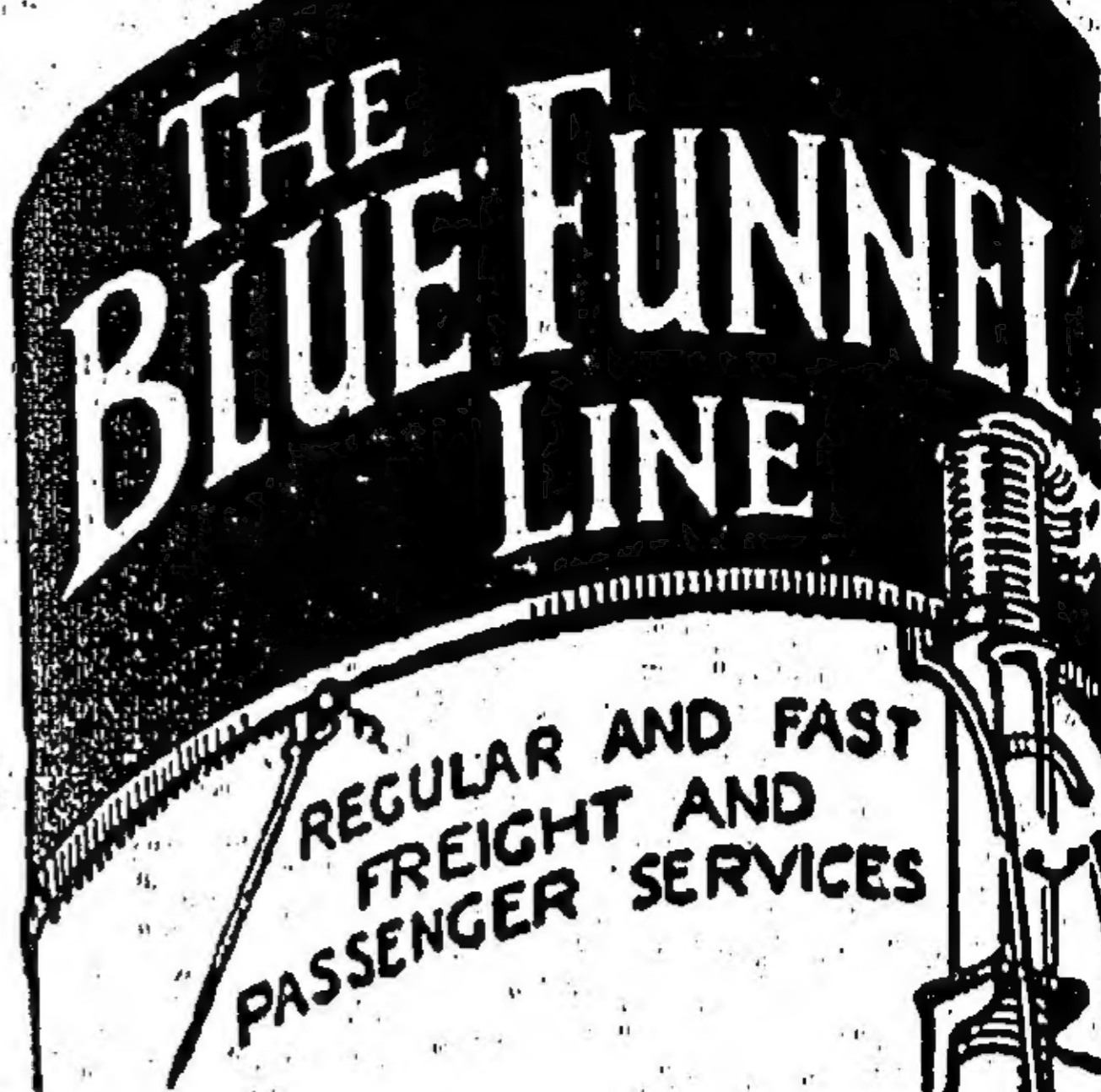
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KHIVA	9,135	17th Dec.	Straits & Bombay
KASHGAR	9,005	24th Dec.	M'los, L'don, A'worp & Hull
MOREA	10,953	7th Jan. 1928.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,114	7th Jan.	Straits & Bombay
DEVANHA	8,155	21st Jan.	Marseilles, L'don, & A'worp
MALWA	10,986	4th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles, L'don & A'worp
MAEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
KHIVA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, L'don & A'worp
KASHMIR	8,985	17th Mar.	Marseilles, L'don & A'worp
KARMALA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, L'don & A'worp
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London

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MOREA	10,953	9th Dec. 6 a.m.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
GARMULA	5,254	14th Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KALYAN	9,144	14th Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	24th Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DELTA	8,097	1st Jan. 1928.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MALWA	10,986	7th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,114	21st Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHIVA	9,135	28th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MAEDONIA	11,120	4th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,556	7th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KASHMIR	8,985	18th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KALYAN	9,144	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MANTUA	10,946	2nd Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	16,504	17th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KALYAN	10,986	27th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MALWA	8,155	11th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	11,120	25th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama

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**PROHIBITION LAW.****U. S. CAMPAIGN AGAINST BOOTLEGGERS.**

Washington, Dec. 5.

1,319 American vessels were seized during the past year for attempting to introduce intoxicating liquor into the United States, of which 32 carried liquor, the remainder being without cargo, according to the annual report of Mrs. Mabel Willbrandt, assistant Attorney General, in charge of the prohibition division. 330 American vessels with contraband liquor, were captured the previous years. The report records that bootleggers are continually building better and speedier boats, whose operations are more efficient and capture more difficult, and says that the seizure of foreign vessels continued about the same as heretofore.

The more stringent regulations of the Canadian Government had decreased illegal operations from Canadian ports.

The report mentions the Supreme Court decision in April as regards the legality of the seizure of the British steamship Quandra in the Pacific, as "settling many hitherto doubtful questions respecting the interpretation of the Anglo-American Extra-territorial Seizure Convention."

Approximately \$6,000,000 in Federal judgments, fines and penalties were imposed, and there was a "definite increase in the percentage of fines collected." There was a very substantial increase in Civil Court business but a notable decrease in criminal business under the National Prohibition Act.—*Reuter's American Service.*

**ITALY AND FRANCE.****SATISFACTORY PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT.**

London, Dec. 5.

An exchange of letters during the week-end between M. Briand and the Italian Ambassador has established a provisional agreement, which will later be embodied in a convention, that rights and privileges shall be enjoyed by Italians in France and by Frenchmen in Italy similar to those they would possess in their own countries. This development is welcomed by the British newspapers as a manifestation of goodwill, particularly timely in view of recent events. The question to which the provisional agreement refers is of particular importance to Italy, since Italians, variously estimated at between 500,000 and 800,000 have settled in France.—*British Wireless.*

**KING FEISAL LEAVES.****MANY BID HIM FAREWELL.**

London, Dec. 5.

King Feisal to-day concluded his visit to England and left for home via Paris. At the station he received many guests in the Royal waitingroom, and Lord Lucas (?) representing King George, and representatives of the Foreign and Colonial offices were among those present to say farewell.—*British Wireless.*

**OIL FROM COAL.****EXPERIMENTAL STAGE HAS BEEN PASSED.**

London, Dec. 5.

Mr. Frank Hodges made a speech last night at Newcastle on the progress made by the Central Electricity Board of which he is a member. He expressed optimism regarding the future of the British coal industry, which he said possessed great recuperative powers. Expansion of trade was, however, unlikely without recourse to science, and he made suggestions also for improved organization.

The importation of oil for propelling ships had made inroads into the home and mercantile marine trade, but there was no cause for anxiety and he believed they were beyond the experimental stage in obtaining oil supplies from coal. Next year would reveal real progress in this direction. "And the day is at hand when oil in the Mercantile Marine will be challenged not by raw fuel like coal but by pulverised residual fuel obtained after the recovery of the more precious elements and gas qualities therefrom."

A merchant ship called the Mercer is now on its way across the Atlantic from America to Holland driven by pulverised residual coke. Scientific engineering opinion is already satisfied that the voyage will be done more economically than by its rival—oil.—*British Wireless.*

**UNTAXED DIVIDENDS.****EFFECT OF A SUPREME COURT DECISION.**

Washington, Dec. 5.

Investigations by the Federal Trade Commission show an enormous increase in stock dividends paid by corporations since the Supreme Court held that such dividends were not taxable to shareholders. \$6,253,000,000 have been so paid since 1920 by 10,245 corporations, whereas for the seven years preceding the Court's decision, \$628,000,000 were paid by 4,967 corporations.

Corporations in the latter case paid stock dividends to the extent of 15 per cent. of the total dividends by the group. Since 1920 the stock dividends exceeded 40 per cent. of the total paid.—*Reuter's American Service.*

**CABLE V. RADIO.****PROGRESS OF BEAM WIRELESS.**

Canberra, Dec. 5.

In the House of Representatives Mr. Bruce said that the position of the cable service which, since the development of the beam wireless system was serious was becoming acute, and it would be more so should beam wireless advance in the next twelve months at the same rate as during the first two months. It was proposed to appoint a committee of representatives of the governments concerned to meet in Great Britain to discuss the question.—*Reuter.*

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All claims against the Underwriter on or before the 20th December, 1927 or they will not be recognized.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns and all goods remaining undelivered after the 11th of December, 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined, by Messrs. Anderson and Ashe on the 6th of December, 1927, at 10 a.m.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Underwriter before the 13th of December, 1927 or they will not be recognized.

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**TAX REDUCTION.****BILL TO BE DISCUSSED BY U. S. CONGRESS.**

Washington, Dec. 5.

The seventieth Congress of the United States is being convened to-day. Over 4,300 bills are awaiting attention, but most of them will never see the light. One of outstanding importance is the new \$235,000,000 Tax Reduction Bill, which it is confidently hoped will be disposed of before Christmas.—*Reuter's American Service.*



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Tjisalak	Java, Mscr	19th Dec	21st Dec	Amoy, N. China
Tjibodas	N. China, Amoy	19th Dec	22nd Dec	Batavia
Tjimanoeck	Batavia	22nd Dec	24th Dec	S'hai & Keelung
Tjikembang	S'hai, K'lung	26th Dec	29th Dec	M'ksar & Java
Tjiuwong	Java, Mscr	2nd Jan	4th Jan	Amoy & Saigon
Tjidid	N. China	2nd Jan	5th Jan	Batavia
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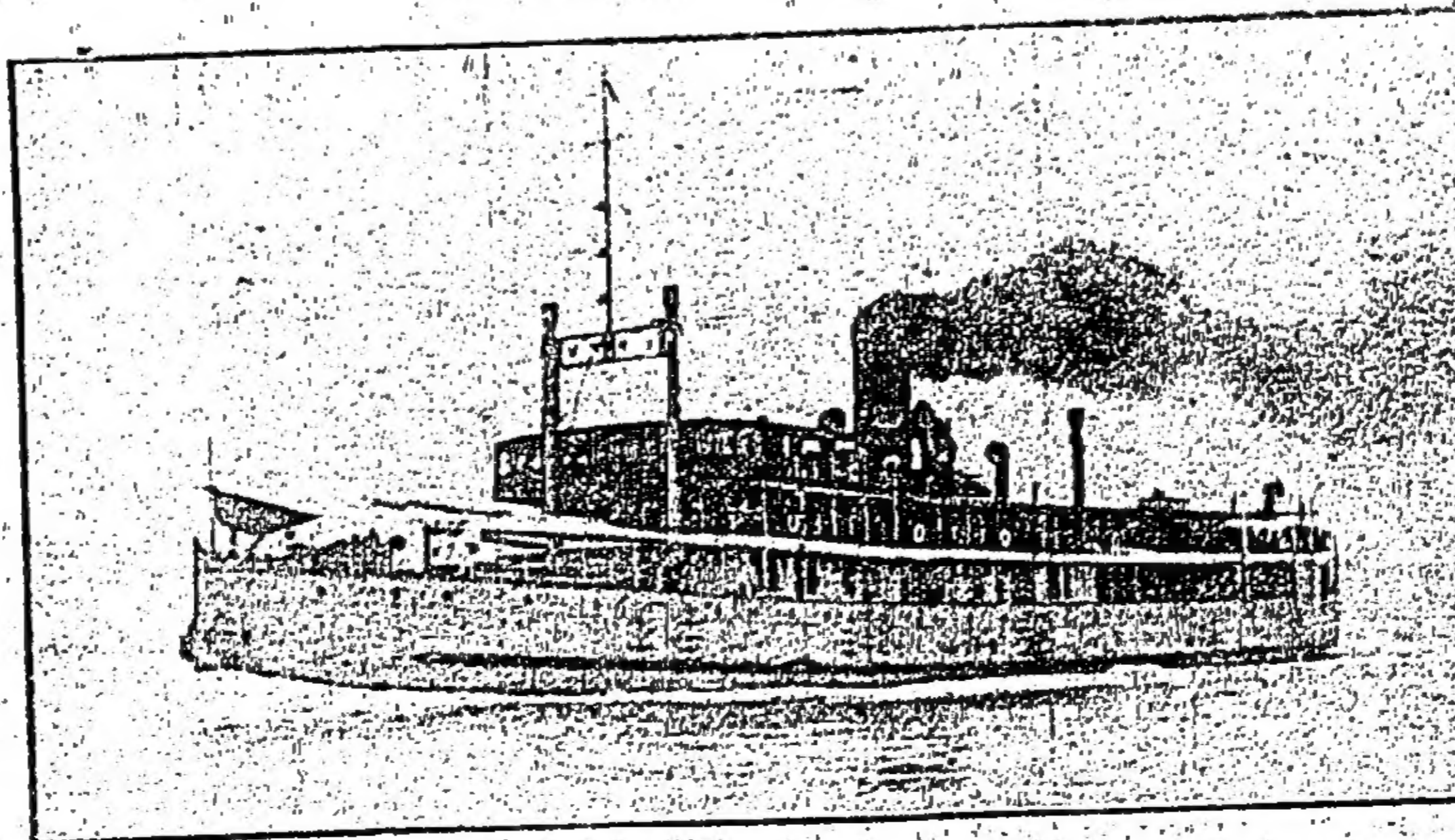
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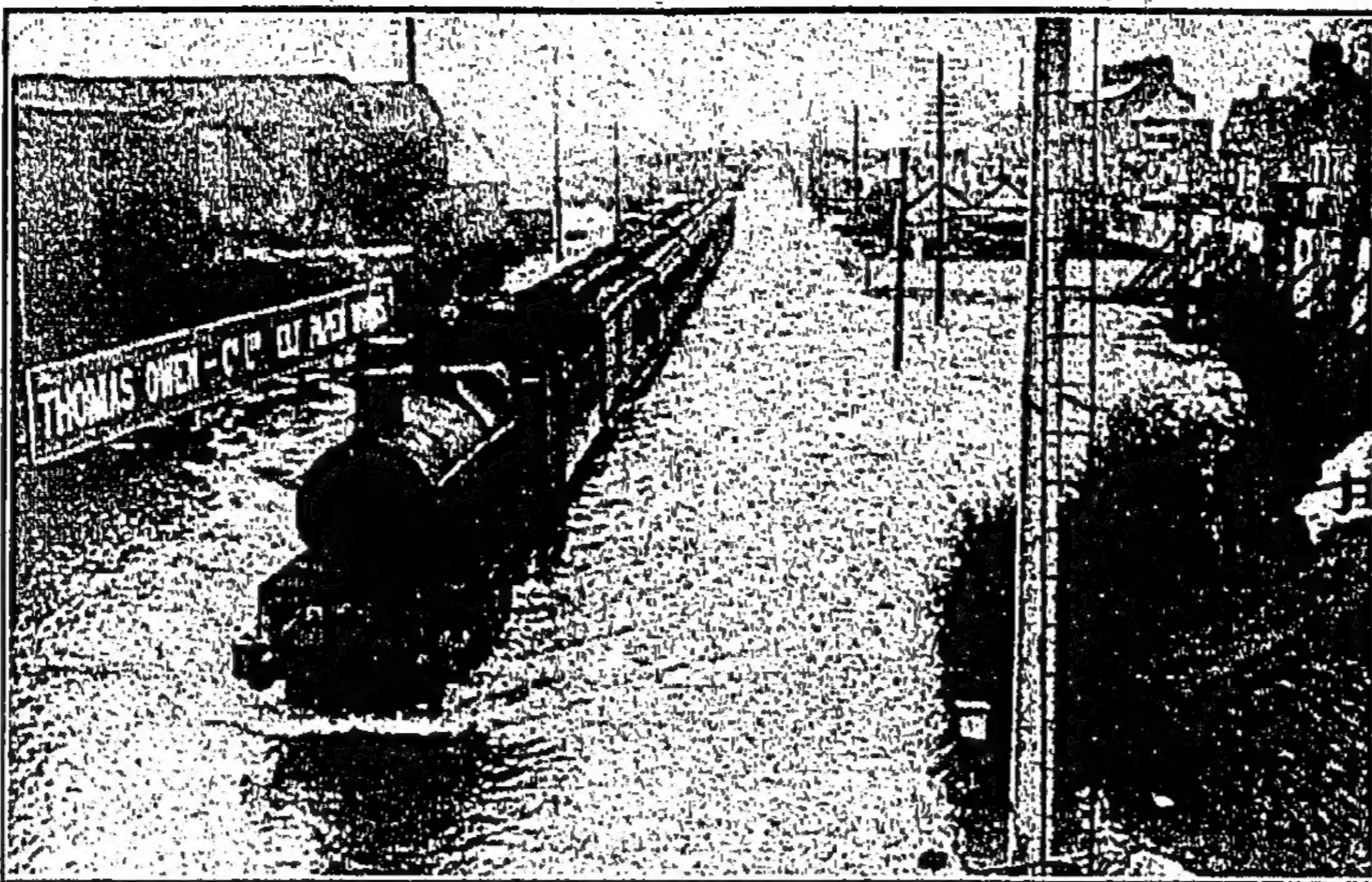
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## FLOOD SCENES IN WALES.



This photograph of a train on the Great Western Railway, near Ely Station (South Wales), was taken during the heavy floods experienced at Home last month. In some of the streets, the water rose to a height of six feet.

POLICE RESERVE  
ORDERS.

## PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK.

The following Hongkong Police Reserve orders are issued by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police:

## Indian Company.

Training.—The following is the result of the examination in Part 2 (knowledge of Police Duties and Regulations) held on Friday, December 2nd. Passed with credit—Constable "R.248" Rangin Shah. Passed—Constable R.215 Mohamad, R.225 Kadar.

## Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hongkong section on Thursday, December 8th will start from Central Police Station as usual at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress: Khaki.

## Sharpshooters Co.

Mr. E. R. Dovey has been appointed by the Captain Superintendent of Police to command this Company with the rank of Sub-Inspector.

## General: (Part 3 Musketry).

The following Police Reservists will attend at the Kennedy Road Revolver Range in mufti on Sunday, December 11th at 10.00 a.m. sharp for instruction in revolver shooting under Inspector H. J. Paterson. 5 men to be detailed by O. C. Chinese Co.; 5 men to be detailed by O. C. Indian Co.; 10 men to be detailed by O. C. Flying Squad.

## Police Training School.

Classes for instruction in Part 2 of training course will be held at the Police Training School under Inspector H. J. Paterson on Thursday, December 8th and Tuesday, December 13th commencing both evenings at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Training Part 1: (Squad Drill). All members of the Police Reserve who have not yet passed out as efficient in Part 1 will parade in mufti at the Central Police Station for Squad Drill and Rifle Exercises under Sergeant R. J. Hunt as follows:—

Chinese Company on Thursday, December 8th and Tuesday, December 13th.

Flying Squad on Tuesday, December 13th.  
(Sgd.) G. B. HARTFORD,  
D.S.P. (R.),  
Adjutant.  
Hongkong, Dec. 6, 1927.

## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. (a) Foxley-Sterry. 2. Edward II. 3. (a) England's regular Army at the outbreak of war, no called because the Kaiser had referred to them as "England's contemptible little Army." (b) The first Kitchen Brigade. 4. John Kila, William Cory, Edgar Allen Poe, Lord Byron, Francis Thompson. 5. They breed mosquitoes, the bites of which transmit the disease. 6. The Duke of York. 7. (a) Crooks, more particularly safe-breakers. (b) pickpockets. (c) an Italian. (d) a success. 8. (a) Two or more. (b) two. (c) one. 9. Lazarus. 10. The approval mark of the consul of each country represented on a passport. 11. (a) Spain. (b) Scotland. (c) Hawaii. 12. British Broadcasting Corporation, Hudson Bay Company, National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Young Women's Christian Association, Universities' Mission to Central Africa.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, has been elected an Elder Brother of the Corporation of Trinity House in place of the late Lord George Hamilton. Trinity House, a corporation dating from 1514, has supervision over pilotage round the British coasts and the Channel Islands and at Gibraltar, and looks after the removal of wrecks dangerous to navigation. The Duke of Connaught is the Master, and there are a Deputy-Master (Vice-Admiral G. R. Mansell), and 21 Elder Brethren, the latter including the King, the Prince of Wales, and Prince Arthur of Connaught. The headquarters are at Trinity House, Tower Hill, E.C.

## INTIMIDATION.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Union. Nevertheless, skeleton crews continued a service yesterday until several hours after the shooting.

The Union, situated at 338 Yuling Road, has been a hotbed of agitation and Communist headquarters. They held secret meetings plotting new methods of terrorism. They had not paid their rent for three months, and the police, at the request of the landlord, and their own instigation, secured an order and sealed the premises on November 25.

Aware of the situation, the police yesterday detailed special patrols. Detectives were sent out to the main corners and constables, instead of wearing uniforms, wore their civilian clothes. It was one of these who shot the first assassin, and in turn received a flesh wound in the forearm.

During the shooting, the police fired 13 shots and the gangsters shot 17 times. When examined by the police it seemed as though the Mausers had not been fired before—they were entirely new. The pistols of one man was empty, but he carried two full clips. The other's weapon had been fired six times.

Tram officials have viewed the dead bodies and state that they were not former employees. The Fingerprint Department has not identified them as having been in custody before. It is the police theory that they are professional imported gunmen.

## KWANGTUNG WAR.

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with Li Chai-sum by sending an army down from the North River to launch an attack on the "Ironsides." The likelihood is that these two generals will remain neutral in Hunan, though some Canton reports say that an agreement or an understanding has been reached between the Nanking Nationalists and the two Hunan generals.

The more probable outcome seems to be that Generals Li Chung-yen and Pei Chung-hsi will despatch some of their troops to help General Li Chai-sum's armies to launch a joint attack on the Canton "Leftists" from the North and East Rivers, while General Wang Shao-hung will be solely responsible for the military operations on the West River.

## MARINE COURT CASES.

## NOMINAL FINE ON CAPTAIN.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. G. F. Hole, Captain P. J. Green, of "s.s. Ichang," of the China Navigation Company, was charged, under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, with carrying four passengers in excess of the number allowed without a passenger certificate, to wit, 16. The ship arrived from Daini.

Defendant pleaded guilty and stated that the number of tickets issued was governed from the office ashore, and that there had unfortunately been a duplication. The excess was not discovered until the ship had left, but the full number carried had been stated on the Harbour Office Report on arrival at Hongkong, there being no attempt at evasion.

His Worship, considering the circumstances, announced that he would inflict only a nominal penalty—a fine of \$20, with the alternative of two weeks' imprisonment.

## Boarding Without Permission.

Leung Yau, master of a passenger boat, and Sun Yeung, a board-

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China, and had added that no battalions were en route thither. Mr. H. Day (Labour) asked whether a reduction was contemplated in the near future.

Commander King replied that he was unable to give any further information.—*Reuter.*

## RIVAL GENERALS.

Tension Still Prevails.

Hankow, Dec. 5. It now transpires that General Li Chung-yen has not left for Shanghai. His emissaries have been sent to attend the Conference. The tension between Generals Chen Chien and Li Chung-yen has not relaxed, but at the moment open conflict between the two is not anticipated.—*Naval Wireless.*

## U.S. MANCHURIA LOAN.

Chinese Opposition.

Peking, Nov. 30. Repercussions were heard in Japanese circles to-day of a purported statement by Yang Yu-ting, chief of staff for Chang Tso-lin, in which he attacked Japan's record in Manchuria and declared that the Government and people of China were bitterly opposed to a proposed loan by J.P. Morgan & Co. to the Japanese South Manchurian Railway.

The Japanese minister to Peking, Mr. Yoshizawa, told correspondents that he had asked Yang Yu-ting whether he had made the statements attributed to him in the newspapers. If Yang confirms that he did, there will be further steps, Mr. Yoshizawa said.

The Minister said that Yang's alleged assertion that the Chinese were not negotiating with Japan in regard to Manchuria was at variance with facts. He asserted that negotiations were progressing between himself and Yang, adding that the "subjects discussed were merely the construction of a few railroad lines and a few local questions."

Mr. Yoshizawa denied the Chinese charge that the Japanese would divert the proposed loan to domestic politics, adding, "Successful Japanese cabinets have followed a policy of the promotion of the common welfare of the Chinese and Japanese residents in Manchuria, seeking only economic exploitation."

COMMUNISTS IN EAST  
INDIES.MALAYAN GOVERNMENT  
PRECAUTION.

London, Dec. 5.

In the House of Commons, Sir W. De Frece asked whether the Government was aware that Communist propaganda in the Dutch East Indies was stimulated by agitators using British territory as their base, and whether steps for suppression of this could be taken.

Mr. W. Ormsby Gore stated that the Malayan authorities were alive to the dangers of international Communist agitation, and he had recently approved steps to bring the local law into line with the law in Britain, which he believed would assist in dealing with the present difficulties.—*Reuter.*

Ing house waiter, were charged with boarding s.s. St. Albans without the permission of the officer in charge. Both accused pleaded guilty.

The Inspector in charge of the case stated that there were no previous convictions against either man, and that the charge was not being pressed.

A fine of \$10, with the usual alternative, was inflicted.

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